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Tushar Giri Nath is new BBMP chief

BENGALURU

The State Government has transferred Gaurav Gupta, who served 13 months as Chief Commissioner of BBMP and appointed in his place Tushar Giri Nath.

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Active cases: State sees over 20% rise in a month

BENGALURU

Although daily new cases of COVID-19 are not significantly high as yet, the number of active cases in Karnataka have shot up by 23.6% in the last one month. From 1,500 on April 4, active cases have increased to 1,854 on May 5.

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PSI exam scam: CID arrests 2 police officers

KALABURAGI/BENGALURU

The CID arrested two police officers in the PSI recruitment examination scam. Till now, the CID had arrested only selected candidates, touts, and those in charge of the exam centres where malpractices were reported.

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WHO estimates 4.7 million COVID-linked deaths in India

The figure is nearly 10 times the government's official count for 2020 and 2021

JACOB KOSHY
NEW DELHI

There were likely 47 lakh deaths, directly or indirectly attributable to COVID-19, in India in 2020 and 2021, a report by the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Thursday. These are the highest, by far, for any country and make up nearly a third of the 15 million such deaths estimated by the agency globally.

India officially estimated only 4.8 lakh cumulative deaths linked to COVID-19 as of December 2021, which implies that the WHO estimate is nearly 10 times the government count. As of May, India's official COVID-19 death toll is 5.2 lakh.

Minutes after the WHO released its estimate, India reiterated its "objection to the methodology" used.

"These sobering data not only point to the impact of the pandemic but also to the need for all countries to invest in more resilient health systems that can sustain essential health services during crises, including stronger health information systems," WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said. "WHO is committed to working with all countries to strengthen their health information systems...."

Excess deaths are calculated as the difference between the number of deaths that have occurred and the number that would be expected in the absence of the pandemic based on data from earlier years. Excess mortality includes deaths associated with COVID-19 directly or indirectly (due to the pandemic's impact on health systems).

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Scary count

According to WHO's calculations, 4.74 million excess deaths associated with COVID-19 occurred in India between 2020 and 2021, nearly 10 times the official toll. A look at top 10 countries

Country	Cumulative excess deaths associated with COVID-19 in million	Officially reported COVID-19 deaths in million	Excess deaths as a multiple of official COVID-19 deaths
India	4.74	0.48	9.8
Russia	1.07	0.30	3.5
Indonesia	1.03	0.14	7.1
U.S.	0.93	0.82	1.1
Brazil	0.68	0.62	1.1
Mexico	0.63	0.30	2.1
Peru	0.29	0.20	1.4
Turkey	0.26	0.08	3.2
Egypt	0.25	0.02	11.5
S. Africa	0.24	0.09	2.6

India will contest report, say officials

BINDU SHAJAN PERAPPADAN
NEW DELHI

India will take up the "glaring anomalies" in the WHO report on excess mortality estimates associated with the COVID pandemic at the highest and appropriate forum, said sources in the Health Ministry on Thursday. "The numbers are nowhere close to reality," the Ministry said.

"This reflects a statistically unsound and scientifically questionable methodology of data collection for making excess mortality projections in the case of India," it said. The WHO should appreciate the fact that mortality is a sensitive topic and any speculative report on this can have multiple and needless adverse effects, it added.

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SC to study if larger Bench should hear sedition pleas

CJI Bench set to hold hearing on May 10

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

A 60-year-old Constitution Bench judgment validating sedition law led a three-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana on Thursday to pause to examine if petitions challenging the colonial provision should be referred to a larger Bench of five or seven judges of the court.

The 1962 judgment in *Kedar Nath v State of Bihar* delivered by a Bench of five judges of the Supreme Court had upheld Section 124A (sedition) of the Indian Penal Code while restricting its applicability to "activities involving incitement to violence or intention or tendency to create public disorder or cause disturbance of public peace".

A judicial law laid down by the Supreme Court cannot be countered by a numerically inferior Bench.

The Chief Justice Bench, including Justices Surya Kant and Hima Kohli, scheduled a hearing on the question of reference at 2 p.m. on May 10. The court warned lawyers against seeking adjournment on that day.

"First we have to determine whether we should sit in a composition of three judges or five or seven before going into the question of legality of Section 124A... Assuming the CJI decides to constitute a larger Bench, then that Bench can straightaway take up the question of Section 124A. Such a larger Bench, if formed, can directly hear on merits whether sedition should continue or be struck down in the light of subsequent developments in law post the Kedar Nath judgment and global opinions on sedition," Justice Kant addressed the lawyers.

Attorney-General K.K. Venugopal, who has been asked by the court to assist in the capacity of his constitutional office, however, said there was no need to refer the petitions to a larger Bench. "The Kedar Nath judgment is the last word on the issue of sedition law. It has balanced well the right of security of state and the right of free speech," he gave his *prima facie* opinion. He said Section 124A had to be retained in the penal code.

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> Section 124A is *per se* unconstitutional. It cannot be used to silence dissent and take away personal liberty
>
> KAPIL SIBAL, senior counsel

Panel notifies new J&K Assembly constituencies

Jammu to get 43 seats, Kashmir 47

PEERZADA ASHIQ
DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI/SRINAGAR

The Jammu and Kashmir Delimitation Commission on Thursday notified the new boundaries, names and number of Assembly constituencies in Jammu and Kashmir, paving the way for the first-ever Assembly election in the Union Territory that was carved out of the erstwhile State of J&K in 2019.

While not mentioned in its order, the Delimitation Commission said in a statement that it had recommended to the Centre to nominate at least two "Kashmiri migrants" to the Legislature who would have the same powers as nominated members of the Puducherry Assembly and to "consider" giving "some representation" to persons displaced from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

A source said this was a "proposal" that the Centre would take a call on.

A day before its term was to end, the Commission, chaired by Justice (retired) Ranjana Prakash Desai and including Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra and J&K State Election Commissioner K.K. Sharma as ex-officio members, met to finalise its order and later issued a gazette notification.

The delimitation was carried out based on the 2011 Census and other considerations like geographical features and access.

The new Assembly would have 90 seats, 47 in Kashmir and 43 in Jammu, an increase from the earlier 83, with six of the additional seats being in Jammu and one in Kashmir. In a first, nine seats were reserved for the Scheduled Tribes – six in the Jammu region and three in the Kashmir Valley, the commission said.

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Mevani, 9 others get jail term in 2017 case

They took out march without nod

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
AHMEDABAD

A magistrate's court in Mehsana of Gujarat convicted activist and Independent MLA Jignesh Mevani and nine others in a five-year-old case on Thursday.

The court sentenced them to three months' imprisonment for taking out an "Azadi march" from Mehsana to Dhanera in Banaskantha district without police permission in July 2017. NCP leader Reshma Patel, a former member of the Patidar Anamat Andolan Samiti, was among those convicted under Section 143 (unlawful assembly) of the Indian Penal Code.

The court imposed a fine of ₹1,000 each on the 10 convicts.

The Azadi march was taken out to mark one year of the Una incident in which Dalits were publicly flogged by cow vigilantes.

"We will appeal in the sessions court," Mr. Mevani told presspersons in Mehsana after the verdict.

Jignesh Mevani

Court grants bail

The court accepted his plea for a stay on the order and granted bail to all the convicts for filing an appeal in the higher court.

Originally, 12 were named in the FIR. One person died during the trial, while another has been absconding. Ms. Patel was not part of any political outfit at the time of the march. She was a member of the samiti that organised a Statewide agitation for reservation for the community.

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Four terror suspects held in Haryana, explosives seized

Pakistan-based terrorist supplied arms: police

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
GURUGRAM

Four men from Punjab were arrested by the police in Karnal district of Haryana on Thursday allegedly with explosives, an illegal firearm and cartridges.

The police said the terror suspects had in their possession three improvised explosive devices weighing 2.5 kg each, a country-made pistol, 31 cartridges, six mobile phones and ₹1.3 lakh in cash. The police also seized a sports utility vehicle used by them.

Explosives seized in Karnal being defused. • PTI

In a press statement, the police said the four – identified as Gurpreet, Amandeep, Parvinder and Bhupinder – were arrested near the Bastara toll plaza around 4 a.m. following a tip-off by the Central agencies. The suspects were supplied the weapons and explosives on a drone by a Pakistan-based gangster-turned-terrorist Harinder Singh Rinda. The explosives were to be taken to a location, and the directions were to be given to the accused through an app. Rinda was to be informed after handing over the explosives, it said.

Rinda was earlier active in Punjab, Chandigarh, Maharashtra and Haryana and is wanted by the Punjab police in murder, robbery and extortion cases.

Gurpreet, Amandeep and Parvinder belong to Ferozepur and Bhupinder is a resident of Jalandhar. An FIR has been registered at Madhuban police station under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, Arms Act and Explosives Act.

Modi, Macron agree to work together to expand ties

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
PARIS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron held extensive discussions on a range of bilateral and pressing global issues, including the raging conflict in Ukraine, the situation in the Indo-Pacific and terrorism. The two leaders agreed on a blueprint to work together in making the India-France strategic partnership a force for global good.

Mr. Modi held one-on-one talks with Mr. Macron on Wednesday night.

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Rise in sugar exports

7 In million tonnes (MT), the amount of sugar exported by India so far in the ongoing 2021-22 marketing year, according to the Indian Sugar Mills Association (ISMA). India is the world's second largest sugar producer after Brazil, and the exports from the country are expected to touch a new record of 9 MT, said ISMA. ISMA, in a statement, said that the country's sugar output has risen to 34.23 MT till April of the current marketing year, from 30 MT in the year-ago period. A sugar marketing year runs from October to September. PTI

Free rice ration

55 In lakh tonnes, the additional amount of rice allocated by the Central Government in place of wheat under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY) free ration scheme, on demand from the States, amid efforts to scale up delivery of fortified rice under the public distribution system from next year. Food Secretary Sudhanshu Pandey clarified that the move was not caused by the likely fall in the Government's wheat procurement following an expected drop in output and a rise in exports. PTI

Delayed pensions

58,275 The number of pensioners whose pensions were delayed in May as their banks could not confirm their identification by April 30, according to the Ministry of Defence. In order to avoid hardship, a one-time special waiver has been accorded to these pensioners so that they can get their identification done by May 25. Their pensions for the month of April will be credited on Wednesday. Banks are required to conduct annual identification of defence pensioners. PTI

Militant attacks

24 In percentage, the increase in the number of militant attacks in Pakistan in April as compared to March 2022, according to data released by Pakistan Institute for Conflict and Security Studies (PICSS). Militants carried out 34 attacks in April, killing 55 people, including 34 security forces personnel, the think tank said in a press release on Wednesday. Militants carried out 26 attacks across Pakistan in March 2022 in which 115 people were killed and 288 others injured. Most of the attacks took place in the tribal regions. PTI

Demolishing slums

2,600 The number of unauthorised irregular slum colonies to be demolished by the BJP in Delhi, which is ruling three civic bodies, according to Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia. Addressing a press conference, he also said the BJP-ruled municipalities – south, north and east – had issued notices to nearly three lakh people in the last two years. The BJP has "amassed money" by allowing illegal construction to flourish only to serve them notices now, added Mr.Sisodia. PTI

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EXPLAINER

The SpiceJet 'accident'

What are the factors that might have caused the flight to experience severe turbulence? What about adverse weather?

THE GIST

- On May 1, a Boeing 737-800 aircraft of SpiceJet, on a scheduled flight with 195 passengers on board experienced severe turbulence which resulted in injuries to passengers and damage to the aircraft. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), has categorised it as an "accident".
- An aviation expert stated that it looked like the flight crew had not followed the speed for turbulence penetration. This, he said, was probably why severe conditions were encountered. The aviation expert highlighted the important factor of Total Air Temperature (TAT), which is the best guide for turbulence, and how awareness about the same is low these days.
- Flying in adverse weather calls for good meteorological knowledge, a thorough understanding of the aircraft's radar functions, planning, anticipation, and, most importantly, the crew's overall assessment of the weather situation.

MURALI N. KRISHNASWAMY

The story so far: On the evening of May 1, a Boeing 737-800 aircraft of low-cost private carrier SpiceJet, on a scheduled flight (SG-945) operating from Mumbai to Andal (Durgapur, West Bengal) with 195 passengers on board (189 passengers and six crew), experienced severe turbulence, at around 16,000 feet, while on approach to the destination airport.

What happened on the flight?
Due to severe turbulence, nearly 17 passengers suffered head, shoulder, spinal, forehead and facial injuries that were serious enough to warrant hospitalisation. The aircraft too experienced damage in the cabin. Visuals showed oxygen mask compartments open, sections of the cabin ceiling having come apart exposing ducts, damage to some seat handrests and the cabin being in a state of disarray, with items from the galley as well as passenger belongings strewn around. The flight crew took manual control of the aircraft (from autopilot mode) and the aircraft made a safe landing about 20 minutes later.

A preliminary report by India's civil aviation regulatory body, the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), categorised it as an "accident". It said: "... the vertical load factor [which is related to aviation] varied from 2.64G and minus 1.36G, and during this period, the autopilot got disengaged for two minutes...." In addition, there were speed variations. The crew have been off rostered. The airline's aircraft maintenance engineer who released the aircraft from Durgapur (the plane was flown from Andal to Kolkata later) has also been derostered. The aircraft has been grounded and the DGCA has ordered a full inspection of the SpiceJet aircraft fleet.

Why has it been called an 'accident'?
The occurrence would fall under one of the conditions that defines an "accident" in aviation, i.e., "an occurrence associated with the operation of aircraft which ... i) in the case of a manned aircraft, takes place between the time any person boards the aircraft until such time as all such persons have disembarked.... a) a person is fatally injured or seriously injured as a result of: i) being in the aircraft ii) direct contact with any part of the aircraft including parts of which have become detached from the aircraft...."

India's Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB), has taken over investigation into the occurrence. The AAIB is responsible for "classification of safety occurrences" that involve aircraft operating in Indian airspace falling under the categories 'accidents', 'serious incidents' and 'incidents'. The AAIB says it investigates any 'accident' and 'serious incident' involving aircraft having what is called an 'all up weight (AUW) of more than 2,250 kg'.

Was there awareness of turbulence? What could have happened?
A pilot says air turbulence can be graded as light, moderate, severe and extreme. In the last classification, there may be even structural damage and possible loss of aircraft control. In terms of the categorisation of turbulence, there is (in general): convective turbulence (or turbulence linked to cloud convection); mechanical turbulence (low-level turbulence); orographic turbulence (linked to elevated terrain such as mountains); clear air turbulence; low-level jet streams, and also wake turbulence caused by other aircraft.

In a tweet, Madhavan Rajeevan, former Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, who has "research interests on monsoons" has said: "In my understanding Spice jet has their own weather forecasting team for their planning. They don't take [the] services of [the] IMD [India Meteorological Department]. All airlines should take weather services very seriously for their operations...."

It must be reiterated, however, that airlines do invest considerable resources in the training of crew in aviation meteorology.

Captain A. (Mohan) Ranganathan, a former airline instructor pilot and aviation safety adviser, who shared resource material with *The Hindu* from an 'Adverse Weather Operations training kit' prepared on behalf of the DGCA in 2001, said that from initial analysis, it appeared that the flight crew had not followed the speed for turbulence penetration. This, he said, was probably why severe conditions were encountered. The aviation expert highlighted the important factor of Total Air Temperature (TAT), which is the best guide for turbulence. TAT monitoring by crew is essential while in flight, more so during the crucial phases of aircraft climb and descent, he said. A key point highlighted in the training kit was for a pilot to be alert to a temperature inversion between 16,000 feet and 24,000 feet as being an indicator of adverse weather conditions. He said that aviation awareness about TAT is low these days.

More importantly, the aviation expert drew attention to a weather phenomenon (and an aviation hazard) called the Norwester over eastern and northeastern India which occurs in March, with its frequency increasing in May and early June (almost eight occurrences a month). This subject is in focus as the flight path of the SpiceJet aircraft was over Maharashtra, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand, with its descent into West Bengal.

Norwesters are destructive squalls which take place in the afternoon/evening; what is more, cells of weakening down drafts regenerate themselves as new storm cells. An aircraft can experience a stall and loss of lift when flying near or through them. There is also an additional high risk of hail damage. The professional aviation advice is to avoid making an approach if in the vicinity of a Norwester. Captain Ranganathan also gave the example of the kind of turbulence that can be expected, when in the 1980s, a Boeing 737 on the Agartala-Calcutta sector got into one such cell and was buffeted so severely that it caused several rivets on the aircraft fuselage to go missing; this was discovered after landing.

In a typical Norwester, if flying in proximity of what is called its downwind wake area (these can be generated given the way a Norwester is formed), an aircraft can get sucked into the centre of the storm cell and experience damage and severe turbulence.

A senior commander who flies Airbus aircraft said turbulence detection, in general, would also depend on whether it was clear air turbulence or, separately, what is called avoidable weather. If it was weather that was visibly noticeable, or read on the aircraft's weather radar, the question during the investigation would be whether the crew were monitoring this and had situational awareness. While the weather radar system fitted in the new generation of aircraft is technologically advanced – some models can perform 3D picturisation using multibeams for hundreds of kilometres ahead and autoscan from the ground up to 60,000 feet – management of adverse weather flying calls for good meteorological knowledge, a thorough understanding of the aircraft's radar functions, planning, anticipation, and, most importantly, the crew's overall assessment of the weather situation.

A SpiceJet Boeing 737-800 passenger plane. • REUTERS

EXPLAINER

The status of the Naga peace talks

What are the demands of various Naga factions? Who are the NSCN-IM?

THE GIST

- The recently released annual report of the Ministry of Home Affairs said that the Isak-Muivah faction of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN-IM) was involved in 44% of insurgency-related incidents in Nagaland in 2020.
- The NSCN-IM continues to demand 'Greater Nagaland' or Nagalim – it wants to extend Nagaland's borders by including Naga-dominated areas in the neighbouring States of Assam, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh.
- In 1997, the Government of India got the NSCN-IM to sign a ceasefire agreement to begin the holding of talks with the aim of signing a Naga Peace Accord. There have been over a hundred rounds of talks, after the ceasefire, between the Centre and the insurgent group but no solution.

DIKSHA MUNJAL

The story so far: The annual report of the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) released recently said that the Isak-Muivah faction of the National Socialist Council of Nagaland (NSCN-IM) was involved in 44% of insurgency-related incidents in Nagaland in 2020.

The Union government had, in 2015, signed a framework agreement with the NSCN-IM to find a solution to the Naga political issue. The negotiations are yet to be concluded.

Why did the Naga insurgency begin?
The term Naga was created by the British for administrative convenience to refer to a group of tribes with similar origins but distinct cultures, dialects, and customs. The Naga tribes are accumulated in Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, and Myanmar.

Residing in the Naga hills of Assam during the advent of the British and the annexation of Assam in 1820, the Nagas did not consider themselves a part of British India. The British adopted a way of governance over the Nagas that involved keeping in place their traditional ways of life, customs, and laws while putting British administrators at the top.

At the time of the withdrawal of the British, insecurity grew among the Naga tribes about the future of their cultural autonomy after India's independence,

Cadres of the NSCN-IM. • FILE PHOTO

which was accompanied by the fear of the entry of "plains people" or "outsiders" into their territory. These gave rise to the formation of the Naga Hills District Tribal Council in 1945, which was renamed the Naga National Council (NNC) in 1946. Amid uncertainties over the post-independence future of the Nagas, a section of the NNC, led by Naga leader A.Z. Phizo declared the independence of the Nagas on August 14, 1947, a day before India's declaration.

The underground insurgency began in the early 1950s when Mr. Phizo founded the Naga Federal Government (NFG) and its armed wing, the Naga Federal Army (NFA). The Central Government sent the armed forces into Naga areas to curb the insurgency and imposed the contentious Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA), which is still in place in parts of Nagaland.

The Nagas, led by Mr. Phizo, demanding an independent state outside of India, boycotted the 1952 and 1957 general elections and armed clashes grew. Unlike other groups in the north east which were accepting some form of autonomy under the Constitution, Nagas rejected this in favour of sovereignty.

Some leaders among the NNC formed their own group to hold discussions with the government, leading to the formation of the State of Nagaland in 1963. This, however, did not satisfy many in the NNC and NFG, who, following years of negotiations with the government, eventually signed the Shillong Accord of 1975, agreeing to surrender arms and accept the Constitution.

When did the NSCN come into the picture?
This signing of the Shillong Accord was not agreeable with many top leaders of the NNC and those operating from Myanmar as the agreement did not address the issue of Naga sovereignty and coerced them to accept the Constitution.

Three NNC leaders – Thuingaleng Muivah of the Tangkhul Naga tribe of Manipur's Ukhrul district, Isak Chishi Swu of the Sema tribe, and S. S. Khaplang from Myanmar's Hemis tribe, formed the National Socialist Council Of Nagaland (NSCN) to continue the armed movement. The motto of the NSCN was to create a People's Republic of Nagaland free of Indian rule.

In 1988, after years of infighting and violent clashes along tribal lines and over the main cause of the movement, the NSCN split into two factions. One, led by Mr. Muiwah and Swu called the NSCN-IM and the other, led by Mr. Khaplang called the NSCN-K. The NSCN-IM demanded and continues to demand 'Greater Nagaland' or Nagalim – it wants to extend Nagaland's borders by including Naga-dominated areas in the neighbouring States of Assam, Manipur and Arunachal Pradesh. The NSCN-IM has now grown to became the most powerful insurgent group, also playing a role in the creation of smaller groups in other States. Its armed operations intensified along with illegal activities like tax extortion, smuggling of weapons and so on.

Where do the peace talks stand now?
In 1997, the Government of India got the NSCN-IM to sign a ceasefire agreement to begin the holding of talks with the aim of signing a Naga Peace Accord. After this ceasefire, there have been over a hundred rounds of talks spanning over 24 years between the Centre and the insurgent group, while a solution is still awaited. New Delhi has been holding peace parleys simultaneously with the NSCN-IM, and the Naga National Political Groups (NNPGs) comprising at least seven other extremist groups, including the NSCN (K).

In 2015, it signed a Framework Agreement with the NSCN (IM), the first step towards an actual Peace Accord. The then Joint Intelligence Chief R.N. Ravi was appointed the interlocutor for Naga peace talks and signed the agreement on behalf of the Centre. He was later appointed as Nagaland's Governor in 2019 to further the negotiations.

The negotiations hit an impasse in 2020, with the NSCN-IM demanding the removal of Mr. Ravi as interlocutor, accusing him of "high handedness" and tweaking the agreement to mislead other Naga groups. The NSCN-IM continued to demand a separate flag and constitution for the Nagas and the creation of Nagalim, which it claimed was agreed upon in the Agreement. Mr. Ravi, however, denied this claim. After Mr. Ravi's removal as the interlocutor last year, Intelligence Bureau officer A.K. Mishra was first appointed as the Centre's adviser and then the interlocutor for the peace talks. On April 19 this year, Mr. Mishra visited the NSCN-IM's camp in Dimapur to hold closed-door talks but issues over the Naga flag and constitution remain to be ironed out.

Unclaimed vehicles to be auctioned

Recent survey across city estimated over 2,500 abandoned vehicles on streets

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

If you have parked your vehicle by the street side unattended for a long time, the city administration will shortly serve you a notice, and if there is no response, the vehicle will be auctioned.

The Bengaluru City Traffic Police and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) recently held a meeting and drafted the policy to dispose of abandoned vehicles on the streets. "A recent survey we carried out across the city led us to discover and enumerate over 2,500 abandoned vehicles. We have shared this list with the civic body. This is apart from the vehicles that are there in front of police stations, which we are trying to dispose of speedily," said B.R. Ravikanthe Gowda, Joint Commissioner (Traffic), Bengaluru.

Seized vehicles near R.T. Nagar police station in Bengaluru.
• SUDHAKARA JAIN

Earlier, the two agencies had drafted a policy to shift these abandoned vehicles to a junkyard in Bingipura, where the traffic police have been allotted land for the purpose. However, the land remade after filling up a garbage landfill is not suited for the purpose and the mud has been caving in and hence unusable, police officials said. So, the agencies have now decided to auction the vehicles with no claimants, giving owners a reasonable amount of time to respond.

"To the vehicles identified during our survey, BBMP will serve notices, paste it on the vehicle and also send the notice to the registered address as per the vehicle number and provide a time of 10 days for the owner to respond. If they do, the owners will be handed over their vehicles after they pay a fine for abandoning it and blocking the road. If nobody responds to the notice, such vehicles will be auctioned and disposed of shortly thereafter," a senior civic official said, explaining the procedure.

There are a variety of vehicles; some old vehicles that are already in a dilapidated condition, some parked on the roads by owners who do not want to give it away for sentimental value and many may even be stolen vehicles, a senior police official said.

"When notices are served to all the 2,500 plus vehicles, many owners who lost their vehicles to theft may end up finding them," the official said.

Rain lashes city for fourth consecutive day

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

For the fourth consecutive day, the skies opened up across the city on Thursday.

The Meteorological Department has forecast two more days of cloudy weather, with a possibility of thundershowers, accompanied by gusty winds and lightning, towards afternoon and evenings.

The BBMP control rooms received tree fall complaints mostly. Complaints were received from Jayanagar 3rd Block, 4th Block, 5th Main, J.P. Nagar IIth Block, Illiyasnagar, Parappana Agrahara, Sarakki market, Maramma Circle in Malleswaram, B.K. Circle in J.P. Nagar 8th Phase, Arakere-Mico Layout, Azad Nagar and Chamarajpet.

After heavy rain, several roads were waterlogged. However, the BBMP control room personnel claimed that after the rains abated, the water receded.

Meanwhile, a press release from Bescom said that power supply was disrupted in Tumakuru, Kunigal, Nelamangala, Kanakapura, and Chickballapur due to heavy downpour. A total of 238 poles were damaged due to tree fall and more than 265 trees have fallen on lines. Bescom officials were in the process of clearing these and restoring power supply. Trees fell on electricity poles in rural parts of Bengaluru. One tree fell on an electricity pole at Kendriya Sandan in Koramangala.

Gusty wind damaged more than 35 electricity poles and three transformer structures in Nelamangala division. Pole replacement is underway in Nelamangala, Chunchagatta main road and Konanakunte, the release added.

Yeshasvini scheme to be launched on October 2

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has instructed officials to initiate measures to launch the Yeshasvini health insurance scheme on October 2. He issued instructions at a review of the progress of implementation of Budget programmes for 2022-23 related to the Cooperation Department. He instructed officials to ensure that there is no duplication between Yeshasvini and Ayushman Bharat- Arogya Karnataka Scheme schemes.

The Chief Minister, who also chaired a meeting of Basavakalyana Development Board, said Anubhava Mantapa project will be completed in three years.

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Tushar Giri Nath is new BBMP chief

Gaurav Gupta transferred as Additional CS, Infrastructure Development Dept.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has got a new chief. The State Government has transferred Gaurav Gupta, who served 13 months as Chief Commissioner and appointed in his place Tushar Giri Nath.

A notification to this effect was issued by the State Government on Thursday.

Tushar Giri Nath

Mr. Giri Nath was earlier the Principal Secretary, Revenue Department. Mr. Gupta, who took over as Chief Commissioner in March 2021 when the COVID-19 cases were spiking, has been transferred as Additional Chief Secretary of Infrastructure Development Department, in place of B.H. Anil Kumar.

Other transfers

The Government has transferred a host of other IAS officials too. As per the notification, T.K. Anil Kumar, Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, is placed in concurrent charge as Principal Secretary, Revenue Department. Ponnuraj V., who was Secretary to Chief Minister, has been posted as Secretary, Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms (e-Governance), and Managing Director, Karnataka Power Corporation Ltd.

Manoz Jain has been posted as Secretary, Labour Department, relieving Salma K. Fahim from concurrent charge, while Khushboo G. Chowdhary has been posted as Deputy Resident Commissioner, Karnataka Bhavan, New Delhi, in place of Prasanna H., who has now been transferred as Chief Executive Officer, Udupi Zilla Panchayat.

Rajendra K., Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot, has now been transferred as Secretary, Karnataka Public Service Commission, relieving Sathyavathi G. from concurrent charge.

Hiremath M.G., Deputy Commissioner of Belagavi district, is now posted as Managing Director, Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. (KRIDL), and Nitesh Patil, Deputy Commissioner of Dharwad, takes his place.

Gurudatta Hegde, Managing Director of Karnataka Handlooms Development Corporation, Hubballi, is posted as Deputy Commissioner of Dharwad. Bhoobalan T., Chief Executive Officer, Bagalkot Zilla Panchayat, has been placed in concurrent charges as Deputy Commissioner, Bagalkot district.

The notification stated that Naveen Bhat Y., Chief Executive Officer, Udupi Zilla Panchayat, has been posted as Director (Personnel), Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation.

Dileesh Sasi, Chief Executive Officer, Kalaburagi Zilla Panchayat, is now director, Electronic Delivery Citizen Services, DPAR (e-Governance), while Girish Dilip Badole, Assistant Commissioner, Kollegala sub-division, has been transferred as Chief Executive Officer, Kalaburagi Zilla Panchayat.

Bharat S., who was waiting for posting, has been posted as Managing Director, North West Karnataka Road Transport Corporation, while Shilpa M., also waiting for posting, is Joint Managing Director, Karnataka Urban Infrastructure Development and Finance Corporation, the notification added.

PUBLIC NOTICE

We the land owners residing as mentioned below do hereby intimate the general public that the below mentioned original deeds / documents pertaining to the lands situated at **Kondenahalli Village, Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District,** have been lost / misplaced:

Sl. No.	Land Owner	Address	Sy. No.	Documents
1.	**Bharath B Gowda** S/o. Sri. B N Byregowda	Residing at No.289, Byatarayanapura Yelahanka Hobali, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District 560092	57/2	1. Sale Deed 09-01-1980 executed by Chikka Kempanna, son of Bachappa in favour of Narayanappa, son of Chikkanna registered as document in No. 150/1980-81, of Book I, Volume 1249 at pages 79-80, in the office of Sub registrar Devanahalli. 2. Sale Deed 17-10-1984 executed by Narayanappa, son of Chikkanna in favour of Krishna Veni registered as document in No. 844/1984-85, of Book I, Volume 1305 at pages 13-15, in the office of Sub registrar Devanahalli.
2.	**Bharathi B Gowda** W/o. Sri. B N Byregowda	Residing at No.289, Byatarayanapura Yelahanka Hobali, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District 560092	58 & 59	1. Sale Deed dated 09-01-1980 executed by D.V.Lakshminarashimma in favour of K Venkatappa registered as document in No. 1274/1979-80, of Book I, Volume 1243 at pages 194-196, in the office of Sub registrar Devanahalli. 2. Sale Deed dated 24-03-1983 executed by K Venkatappa in favour of Medathana Ayyanna Ganapathi registered as document in No. 1753/1982-83, of Book I, Volume 1284 at pages 122-124, in the office of Sub registrar Devanahalli. 3. Sale Deed dated 12-11-1980 executed by Medathana Ayyanna Ganapathi in favour of M.Krishnaveni registered as document in No. 758/1980-81, of Book I, Volume 1305 at pages 99-102, in the office of Sub registrar Devanahalli.
3.	**B N Byregowda,** S/o. Narayanappa	Residing at No.289, Byatarayanapura Yelahanka Hobali, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District 560092	77	1. Sale Deed 17-09-1979 executed by Kempaiah Ramaiah, son of Ramaiah in favour of K.Ramakrishnappa registered as document in No. 516/1979-80, of Book I, Volume 1240 at pages 63-64, in the office of Sub registrar Devanahalli.
			78	1. Sale Deed 30-12-1967 executed by Doddi Muniga, son of Muniyappa in favour of Narayanappa registered as document in No. 3230/1967-68, of Book I, Volume 966 at pages 1-2, in the office of Sub registrar Devanahalli. 2. Sale Deed 27-02-1968 executed by Narayanappa in favour of Salamasabi son of Hussin Sabi registered as document in No. 3780/1967-68, of Book I, Volume 999 at pages 236 to 237, in the office of Sub registrar Devanahalli. 3. Sale Deed 26-02-1968 executed by Salamasabi in favour of Narayanappa, son of Ramanna registered as document in No. 3603/1968-69, of Book I, Volume 1022 at pages 190-191, in the office of Sub registrar Devanahalli. 4. Sale Deed 06-08-1970 executed by Narayanappa, son of Ramanna in favour of Smt. Venkatmma registered as document in No. 1328/1970-71, of Book I, Volume 1060 at pages 177-179, in the office of Sub registrar Devanahalli. 5. Sale Deed dated 19-04-1972 executed by Smt. Venkatmma in favour of V.R.Narayanappa registered as document in No. 226/1972-73, of Book I, Volume 1094 at pages 248-249, in the office of Sub registrar Devanahalli. 6. Sale Deed dated 23-06-1974 executed by V.R.Narayanappa, in favour of H.Adinarayana registered as document in No. 1211/1974-75, of Book I, Volume 1136 at pages 99-101, in the office of Sub registrar Devanahalli. 7. Sale Deed dated 22-12-1979 executed by H.Adinarayana in favour of Govindappa registered as document in No. 1179/1979-80, of Book I, Volume at pages 99-101, in the office of Sub registrar Devanahalli. 8. Sale Deed 19-12-1991 executed by Govindappa in favour of Smt. Thayamma registered as document in No. 1646/1991-92, of Book I, Volume 1427 at pages 78-80, in the office of Sub registrar Devanahalli.
4.	**1. MRS. NALINA,** W/o. Late Nanjundappa B N, **2. MS. ROSHNI B N,** D/o. Late Nanjundappa B N, and **3.MRS. NANJAMMA,** W/o. Late Sri. Subramani.	Residing at No.289, Byatarayanapura Yelahanka Hobali, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District 560092	79	1. Sale Deed dated 15-12-1963 executed by Munivenkatappa in favour of Venkatappa, registered as document in No. 2641/1963-64, of Book I, at pages 105-06, in the office of Sub registrar Devanahalli. 2. Sale Deed dated 03-09-1965 executed by Venkatappa in favour of Sri. Ramaiah registered as document in No. 1673/1965-66, of Book I, volume 941 at pages 177 to 179, in the office of Sub registrar Devanahalli. 3. Sale Deed dated 24-11-1975 executed by Salappa in favour of Sri. R. Lakshminarayana registered as document in No. 2370/1975-76, of Book I, volume 1186 at pages 241 to 243, in the office of Sub registrar Devanahalli. 4. Sale Deed 05-12-1979 executed by Sri. R.Lakshminarayana in favour of Jayalakshmi registered as document in No. 1072/1979-80, of Book I, volume 1244 at pages 31 to 32, in the office of Sub registrar Devanahalli.
			80	1. Sale Deed dated 15-12-1963 executed by Kadirappa, son of Honnurappa in favour of Venkatappa, son of Kempaiah registered as document in No. 2640/1963-64, of Book I, Volume 889 at pages 200 to 202, in the office of Sub registrar Devanahalli. 2. Sale Deed dated 03-09-1965 executed by Venkatappa, son of kempaiah in favour of, Ramaiah son of Venkatashamappa registered as document in No. 1673/1965-66, of Book I, Volume 941 at pages 177-179, in the office of Sub registrar Devanahalli. 3. Sale Deed 24-11-1975 executed by Salappa in favour of Sri. R.Lakshminarayana registered as document in No. 2370/1975-76, of Book I, volume 1186 at pages 241 to 243, in the office of Sub registrar Devanahalli. 4. Sale Deed 05-12-1979 executed by Sri. R.Lakshminarayana in favour of Jayalakshmi registered as document in No. 1072/1979-80, of Book I, volume 1244 at pages 31 to 32, in the office of Sub registrar Devanahalli.
5.	**1. MRS. NALINA,** W/o. Late Nanjundappa B N, and **2. MS. ROSHNI B N,** D/o. Late Nanjundappa B N,	Residing at No.289, Byatarayanapura Yelahanka Hobali, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District 560092	21/50	1. Sale Deed dated 15-12-1963 executed by Honnurappa, son of Lingappa in favour of Venkatappa, son of Kempaiah registered as document in No. 2639/1963-64, of Book I, Volume 891 at pages 63-64, in the office of Sub registrar Devanahalli. 2. Sale Deed dated 03-09-1965 executed by Venkatappa, son of Kempaiah in favour of Ramaiah, son of venkatarayappa registered as document in No. 1673/1965-66, of Book I, Volume 941 at pages 177-179 in the office of Sub registrar Devanahalli. 3. Sale Deed dated 24-11-1975 executed by R.Salappa son of Ramaiah, in favour of R.Lakshminarayana, son of K.Ramaiah registered as document in No. 2370/1975-76, of Book I, Volume 1186 at pages 241-243 in the office of Sub registrar Devanahalli. 4. Sale Deed dated 05-12-1979 executed by R.Lakshminarayana, son of K.Ramaiah in favour of Smt.R.Jalakshmi registered as document in No. 1072/1979-80, of Book I, Volume 1244 at pages 31-32 in the office of Sub registrar Devanahalli.

If any person/s is/are in possession of the aforesaid original Deeds, she/he/they shall return the same to the undersigned.

Mr. Bharteesh, Advocate,
G 1, Bharani Signature, 7th Cross Road, Defence Layout,
Sahakarnagar, Bangalore-560092. Phone No: 98458 54288
Place: Bangalore Date: 06.05.2022

Office of the Director, Directorate of Municipal Administration
9th Floor Vishweshwaraiah Towers, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi,
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No. 715496 DMA/TECH/NUM4/3/2022 Dated : 05-05-2022

Expression of interest for selection of "Project Management Consultants (PMC)" Tender No. 715496 DMA/TECH/NUM4/3/2022/Call-2

The Urban Development Department, Government of Karnataka intends to take up Chief Minister's Amrutha Nagarothana (Municipality) project (Phase-4) for improvements of Roads, Drains, Storm water drains, Construction of buildings and others works of 302 Urban Local bodies at a cost of Rs. 3885.00 crores spread across the State.

In this connection Directorate of Municipal Administration invites the Project Management Consultants (PMC) for undertaking the responsibility of preparation of DPR, Assistance in Tender Process, Action plan preparation, Execution & Supervision and to act as quality supervision consultants for **Chief Minister's Amrutha Nagarothana (Municipality) Project (Phase-4)**. The district wise details are as follows.

Sl. No.	Name of the District	No. of ULBs	Allocated amount (Rs. in crores)
1	Kolar	7	145.00
2	Chikkaballapura	6	145.00
3	Bengaluru (Urban)	11	145.00
4	Bengaluru (Rural)	6	115.00
5	Ramanagara	6	125.00
6	Tumakuru	10	120.00
7	Chitradurga	7	130.00
8	Davanagere	6	70.00
9	Shivamogga	10	125.00
10	Mandya	8	105.00
11	Chamarajanagara	5	90.00
12	Mysuru	13	165.00
13	Hassan	8	120.00
14	Chikkamagaluru	9	95.00
15	Kodagu	4	55.00
16	Dakshina Kannada	13	130.00
17	Udupi	6	80.00
18	Haveri	10	145.00
19	Uttara Kannada	13	170.00
20	Dharwad	5	35.00
21	Gadag	9	105.00
22	Belagavi	37	315.00
23	Vijayapura	14	95.00
24	Bagalkote	17	245.00
25	Bidar	7	115.00
26	Kalaburgi	11	115.00
27	Yadagiri	7	135.00
28	Raichur	13	155.00
29	Ballari	7	80.00
30	Vijayanagara	8	90.00
31	Koppal	9	125.00
	Total	**302**	**3885.00**

Interested Consultants/Firms may submit their Expression of interest for the above project with the following information.

(1) Organisation Details (2) Details of Technical personnel (3) Evidence of similar nature of work done. (4) Details of audited Annual financial turnover for the last five financial years. (5) Details of laboratory facilities (Detailed eligibility criteria's as in the Expression of interest document in the e-procurement portal).

The method of selection for Project Management Consultants shall be Quality Cost Based Selection/Least Cost Selection (QCBS/LCS). Proposals in sealed covers superscribing "Expression of Interest (EoI) must submit through e-procurement portal platform www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in. 7 days short term tender has been invited with the last date of submission on **13-05-2022**.

Sd/-
Director
Municipal Administration

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the notice of the general public that our clients **Mr. JOSE JOHN PAREL** S/o John Mathai and his wife **Mrs. SUNDERRAJ VINOLIA** are intending to purchase the schedule property mentioned hereunder from **SRI. Mr. U. RAMASUBRAMONIAM** and **Mr. U. SANKARASUBRAMONI** both sons of S/o Late. Mr.S.Unnamaheshwaran, any person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or are having any right, title, interest or any type of claim over the scheduled property is hereby called upon to file their objections/claims what so ever along with documentary proof within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice with the under mentioned advocate failing which, our client/s shall proceed and complete the sale transaction with the above stated person.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of House property bearing **Site No.2A** (Old Site No.15), Katha No.133/2A, carved out of Composite Property No.90/3, Situated at **Horanavu Agara, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk,** Comes under the BBMP Limits, Bangalore, Measuring East to West (50+45)/2 Feet and North to South(50+45)/2, in all measuring **2375** Square Feet and bounded on the:

East by : Private Property and Road, West by : House Property No.2 (Old Site No.14), North by : Private Property, South by : Road

C.K.V.K. LAW ASSOCIATES
Mr. VENKATESH CHANDRAN M.A., L.L.B.
Advocates & Legal Consultants
Bangalore-560 043. Contact : 9845046428

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General public that, my client **Mr. A. Venkata Reddy**, son of Changa Reddy, residing at No.326/20, 24th Cross, 6th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore -560 082, is the sole and absolute owner in possession, occupation and enjoyment of all that piece and parcel of immovable property measuring an extent of Two (02) Acres One (01) Gunta Two (02) Guntas of phut kharab in Survey No.244, situated at **Ballur village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District,** having purchased under a Deed of sale dated 07/04/2005, executed by Mr. Konda Reddy, son of late Nanja Reddy and others, which is registered as No.584 of 2005-06 in Book I, document is stored in CD No.ANKD67, in the office of the sub-registrar, Anekal.

However, the original the sale deed dated 07/04/2005, executed by Mr. Konda Reddy and others, which is registered as No.584 of 2005-06 in Book I, document is stored in CD No.ANKD67, in the office of the sub-registrar, Anekal pertaining to above said property is lost/misplaced from my custody, all my efforts to trace the said cover went futile, hence I request that general public who ever have got in possession and/or finder of the above sale deed document, may deliver the document to the address mentioned hereunder within **SEVEN DAYS** from the date of receipt of this publication.

Notice is hereby given that no person/s should do any legal transaction in respect of the said property without consent of our client. General public are restrained from transacting above said property, failing compliance thereof, such of those person/s doing any transaction is doing at his/her/their own costs, risks and for that our client will not be liable/responsible. At the same any transaction done by any person in respect of above said property, the said transaction will not be binding on my client.

SAAN Law Associates, Advocates,
No.4 (10/2), Ground Floor, West Park Road, Kumara Park, Bangalore - 560 001.
email: saanlawassociates@gmail.com
Place: Bangalore **Date:** 06/05/2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

On directions and instructions of Mr. Venkatesh, S/o Mr. Sathyanarayan Rao, R/at No. 99, Sapthagiri Nivas, LG Ramanna Extension, Laggere Peenya Post, Bangalore -560 058. (i.e. our Client), the Public at large are hereby informed that our Client proposes to purchase plot of land so below mentioned in the Schedule below from M/s. Krishna Industries, a Registered Partnership Firm so represented by its Managing Partner office at Plot No. 200 in Peenya III Phase, Industrial Area, Bangalore -560 058.

Any person/s so objecting for the said proposed purchase may lodge their objections with the undersigned Advocates along with supporting documents within 15 days from the date of publication of this Notice, failing which our Client shall presume that there are no objections and proceed with proposed sale transaction/conveyance.

SCHEDULE

All piece and parcel of land known as Plot No. 200 in Peenya III Phase, Industrial Area, situated in Survey No. 150 of Laggere Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore District, containing by admeasurement 2104 square metres (22647.27 square feet) or thereabouts and bounded as follows, that is to say: North by: Plot No. 187, South by: KIADB Road, East by: Plot No. 201 and West by: Plot No. 199.

Santhosh U,
Diwakara & Associates,
M-1, Shalimar Plaza, Swimming Pool Extension,
Palace Gutahalli Main Road, Malleshwaram,
Bengaluru -560 003. Mob 8884391100, 080-23347346

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the public that my client **Sri. Mahesh P.R.** is intending to purchase the immovable Property bearing Municipal No. 42, having BBMP PID No. 100-734-42 situated in R.M.S. Layout, carved out lands bearing Sy Nos. 64/5A, 5B, 7 & 8 of Nagasettihalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, measuring East to West 45 ft. & North to South on Eastern side 31 ft. on Western side 32 ft. totally measuring 1417.5 sq. ft. from its owners Sri. Venkataramana R. Thummisi and Smt. Roopa Nagaraju.

If anybody or any authority having any right, title, claims, interest or objections over the same, may file their objections with documents to below mentioned address within 7 days from the date of this public notice. Failing which my client will proceed to purchase the above said Property by treating no one has objections in respect of the said properties.

SUBRAHMANYA HEGDE
Advocate,
ANANDA & HEGDE LAW ASSOCIATES,
#76-77, Krishna Krupa Building,
Ground Floor, 2nd Main Road,
Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-20.
Mob: 9060069259.

Bob Dylan and Joan Baez

IN THE LIMELIGHT

The sound of music through Scorsese

Music is an integral part of the auteur's oeuvre — from directing the music video for Michael Jackson's Bad to five music-themed documentaries with a ***Grateful Dead*** biopic on the way

MINI ANTHIKAD CHHIBBER

THE GIST

- Martin Scorsese's first foray into the music documentary space was *The Last Waltz* (1978). The film documented the last concert by the rock group, The Band, on November 25, 1976. The documentary was selected by the Library of Congress for preservation in the United States National Film Registry in 2019.
- Over 25 years later, came 2005's *No Direction Home: Bob Dylan*. The 208-minute behemoth covers five years of the singer/songwriter's life. The film featuring interviews with Dylan gave us some of his iconic quotes such as Minnesota being "too cold to rebel" and "you cannot be wise and in love at the same time".
- Music has always been an integral part of Scorsese's oeuvre. From using the Rolling Stones in various movies including three needle drops of 'Gimme Shelter' (*Goodfellas*, *Casino* and *The Departed*) to Bernard Herrmann's jingly jangly *Taxi Driver* theme.

Apart from making kajillion eye-wateringly brilliant meditations of crime, guilt and redemption, Martin Scorsese has an elegant sideline in music documentaries. Of the 16 full-length documentaries he has directed, five revolve around music.

The 79-year-old auteur's first foray into the music documentary space was *The Last Waltz* (1978). Featuring concert and studio performances as well as interviews of the band members, the film documented the last concert by the rock group, The Band, on November 25, 1976. *The Last Waltz*, which established a template for other concert movies, and firmly seated Scorsese on the high throne of rockumentaries, was selected by the Library of Congress for preservation in the United States National Film Registry in 2019.

The Bob Dylan legacy

Over 25 years later, (the director was obviously busy with *Raging Bull*, *Goodfellas*, *The Last Temptation of Christ* and other such earth-moving films), came 2005's *No Direction Home: Bob Dylan*. The 208-minute behemoth covers five years of the singer/songwriter's life. And what five they were! Starting with his arrival in New York as a chubby-cheeked, curly-haired imp in 1961 and his successes, the film ends with his wound-up, whip-thin avatar and his motorcycle accident which caused Dylan to withdraw from public life and touring in 1966.

The film features interviews with Dylan's associates, friends, lovers including Suze Rotolo (she is the woman walking arm-in-arm with Dylan on the cover of 1963's *The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan*) and Joan Baez. Apart from rare archival footage provided by Dylan's office, *No Direction Home* also featured the Nobel Laureate (it is such a kick to describe the iconoclastic singer thus!) at his most open and relaxed.

The 10-hour interview with his manager, Jeff Rosen, throws up gems such as Minnesota, where Dylan grew up being "too cold to rebel" and "you cannot be wise and in love at the same time" when talking about Joan Baez. *No Direction Home* was followed by *Shine a Light* in 2008.

Full circle

There is a fearful symmetry to the concert film of the Rolling Stones' 2006 Beacon Theatre performance as part of their A Bigger Bang Tour. *No Direction Home* is a line from Dylan's confrontational 1965 single, 'Like a Rolling Stone'. And there was that awkward performance of the single in Montpellier, France, in 1995. Dylan joined Stones frontman, Mick Jagger dressed in an identical purple shirt and mumbled the iconic lines – there is some controversy whether the troubadour made a rude gesture as he walked off the stage.

Shine a Light, a line from Stones' eponymous song from the 1972 album *Exile on Main St.*, was again a combination of archival and concert footage and saw Scorsese use digital cameras for the backstage sequences. It was then time to shine a light on the quiet Beatle with *George Harrison: Living in the Material World* (2011).

Quiet riot

Scorsese worked on the film, which got six Emmy Nominations and won two (Outstanding Directing for Nonfiction Programming and Outstanding Nonfiction Special), alongside that twister, *Shutter Island*.

Telling Harrison's story from his Liverpool days to Beatlemania and his immersion in Indian spirituality, *Living in the Material World* also featured interviews with friends and associates as well as Harrison's widow, Olivia, (who was also the producer) and son, Dhani.

While all the aforementioned documentaries, were based on archival footage and interviews, nothing prepared us for *Rolling Thunder Revue: A Bob Dylan Story by Martin Scorsese* (2019). Ostensibly about Dylan's 1975 Rolling Thunder Revue, which was about playing in smaller spaces, the documentary/mockumentary features real and fictional characters rolling around in psychotropic abandon.

Truth in the post-truth era

Dylan is at his obscure and playful best. Did he name the tour after actual rolling thunder or after the Native American word for truth? Is 'Just like a Woman' dedicated to Sharon Stone? Did the *Basic Instinct* actor really iron Joan Baez' shirt? And now that we are asking all these Dylan-esque questions, why are T.S Eliot and Einstein fighting in the captain's tower? Why should we feel so afraid for Ophelia who wears an iron vest (too much water has thou...)?

The film is equal parts playful and profound even as Dylan's friends including beat poet Allen Ginsberg as The Oracle of Delphi (yes), present the most extreme version of themselves. A perfect offering for the post-truth era, *Rolling Thunder Revue*, like the poet himself asks more questions than it answers.

Shelter in the storm

Music has always been an integral part of Scorsese's oeuvre. From using the Stones in various movies including three needle drops of 'Gimme Shelter' (*Goodfellas*, *Casino* and *The Departed*) to Bernard Herrmann's jingly jangly *Taxi Driver* theme.

With long-time collaborator, Thelma Schoonmaker, Scorsese also edited the three days of love, peace and music festival, Woodstock. The 1970 documentary won the Academy Award for Best Documentary Feature. Incidentally, in 1987, Scorsese directed Michael Jackson in the music video of 'Bad' where Wesley Snipes made his film debut.

Record break

There is also the deliriously delightful mini-series, *Vinyl*, (2016) dealing with the music industry in 1970s. Created by Scorsese and Jagger, with Scorsese directing the pilot, *Vinyl* features Bobby Cannavale as a record executive and also stars Jack Quaid. Though HBO initially announced renewal of *Vinyl* for a second season, it was subsequently cancelled much to Scorsese's and fans' disappointment.

As we wait for the *Grateful Dead* biopic with Jonah Hill slated to play frontman Jerry Garcia, we could listen to the sound of silence being shattered to Derek and the Dominos' delicate piano rendition of Eric Clapton's 'Layla', even as bodies are being discovered in a meat truck–brrrr.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, sir."

"Good morning."

"How do you use 'as if' and 'as though', sir? Is there any difference between the two?"

"There is no difference in usage. He talks as though he were a scholar or he talks as if he were a scholar means he is not a scholar. He treats me as if I were his son means I am not his son. The subjunctive is used when the statement made is hypothetical, when the statement made is contrary to fact. After *it looks* or *it seems*, you use the verb in the present tense.

It looks as if he is drunk.

Here it means he is perhaps drunk. We come to the conclusion from the way he talks and walks. The subjunctive is used when the statement is hypothetical."

"What's the difference between 'deplete' and 'reduce', sir?"

" 'To deplete' means 'to empty out', 'to exhaust'.

The entire stock has been depleted.

The treasury has been depleted of small coins.

'To reduce' is to 'make less' or 'make smaller in size'. You may argue with him but he won't reduce the price."

"What is an idiom, sir?"

"Let me explain with an example. Take the sentence

He kicked the bucket and hurt his foot.

There is no difficulty about understanding the meaning of this sentence. It is the total meaning of all the words in the sentence. I don't have to tell you that the order of the words shouldn't be changed. Let's look at another sentence.

He kicked the bucket yesterday and was cremated today.

Here 'kick the bucket' means 'to die'. You can't get this meaning from the total meaning of the words in the sentence. 'Kick the bucket' is a unit whose meaning is 'to die'. The Oxford English Dictionary defines an idiom as 'a peculiarity of phraseology approved by the usage in the language and often having a signification other than its grammatical or logical one". An idiom has a special meaning. Generally you don't change the form of the idiom. You use it as it is. For example, you can say

He kicked the bucket yesterday.

But you can't say 'I couldn't understand what he was saying when he was kicking the bucket'. Please remember that 'kick the bucket' is not used in formal contexts. I hope I have made myself clear. Well, it's getting late for you. You may go now."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

"Goodbye"

THE DAILY QUIZ

On May 6, 1840, the Penny Black, the world's first adhesive postage stamp, became valid for use. A quiz on Indian stamps and philately, considered 'the hobby of kings and king among hobbies'.

1 Name the stamp issued on July 1, 1852, by the Karachi postmaster that is considered not only the first stamp for India but also for Asia.

2 If stamps printed to honour a specific person or event and issued only in limited quantities are called commemorative stamps, then what term is used for regular-issue stamps that pay postage for everyday mail and are issued in lots of denominations?

3 The first postage stamp of independent India was issued on November 21, 1947. Valued at 3-½ annas and meant for foreign correspondence, what did it depict?

4 Since the United Kingdom pioneered the use of postage stamps as we know them today, what honour has been given to it by which stamps emanating from there don't feature something that all other sovereign countries' stamps have?

5 India is divided into nine postal zones with one to eight reserved for the States and UTs of India. For whom is the ninth zone allotted?

6 If a philatelist sees the name 'Magyar Posta' and 'Helvetia' on postage stamps, then which countries have issued the same?

7 The world's most expensive stamp, bought at an auction for $8.3 million, is the British Guiana ONE CENT black on magenta. Which institution, considered the ultimate authority on philately, owns it?

◄ What significance does this stamp have in the context of Indian philately? •POSTAGESTAMPS.GOV.IN

Please send in your answers to the **dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in**

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. This politician was president of Venezuela from 1999 until his death in 2013. **Ans: Hugo Chávez**

2. Alberto Korda, a Cuban photographer, took a photograph of this Argentine leader in 1960. The photograph established this leader as a cultural icon. **Ans: Ernesto "Che" Guevara**

3. The Bay of Pigs invasion was the first CIA attempt to assassinate this Cuban revolutionary who led Cuba from 1959 to 2008. **Ans: Fidel Castro**

4. This leader served as the first Chief Minister of Kerala. **Ans: E. M. S. Namboodiripad**

5. When this activist was arrested for her alleged involvement in a shooting, thousands of people including John Lennon and Yoko Ono contributed to her release campaign. **Ans: Angela Davis**

6. This politician was the first Chairman of the People's Republic of China. **Ans: Mao Zedong'**

Visual: *Marx Reloaded* is a 2011 German documentary film, the title of which is a wordplay on this popular science-fiction film. **Ans: *The Matrix Reloaded***

Early Birds: Malik Saniya Zehra| Ravindra Pal Singh| Tushar Dubey| Anushka Mishra| Aditya Raj Sinha

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KARNATAKA on Fast-Track

KHELO INDIA: A game-changing event in Karnataka

The successful completion of Khelo India University Games (KIUG) in Karnataka, attended by Union Minister for Home Affairs Amit Shah as the chief guest, was indeed a great morale booster for not just the sporting community but the overall mood of the State that has successfully fought the COVID-19 pandemic.

The grand closing ceremony of the event of KIUG was held at Sree Kanteerava Indoor Stadium in Bengaluru. Mr. Shah enjoyed the glittering cultural show, which included classical dance, singing and a spectacular yoga exhibition by Mysore University student, H. Kushi.

Mr. Shah presented the overall champion's title to hosts Jain Deemed-to-be University, who ended their campaign with an impressive 20 gold, 7 silver, and 5 bronze medals. Lovely Professional University (Punjab) won 17 gold medals, 15 silver, and 19 bronze to claim second. Defending champion Panjab University finished third in the medal tally with 15 gold, 9 silver, and 24 bronze medals.

Also present during the star-studded closing ceremony was Chief Minister of Karnataka Basavaraj Bommai, Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Anurag Singh Thakur, Minister for State, Youth Affairs and Sports and Home Affairs Nisith Pramanik, actor 'Kiccha' Sudeep and many other dignitaries.

The presence of the Indian men's and women's teams was a highlight of the evening. The men's claimed a historic bronze in the Tokyo Olympics, while the women finished a respectable fourth. Players from both teams were felicitated by Mr. Shah.

Mr. Shah also released the coffee table book on Khelo India University Games prepared by Association of Indian Universities.

State to give a push for Kabaddi and Basketball

The State Government has decided to give a push for kabaddi and basketball, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said in his address at the valedictory ceremony of Khelo India.

As part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' celebrations, the State Government has adopted 75 sportspersons for special coaching and grooming to bring Olympic laurels for the country. "We are aiming at getting at least 10 of them to qualify for the Olympics and bring glory for the nation," Mr. Bommai said. A huge stadium and sports city is being built in Gujarat under the supervision of Union Home minister Amit shah. The Khelo India sports meet in Bengaluru has proved a great success with two national records being set in the meet, he said.

Sports is an integral part of human activity. Sports inculcates discipline and sportive spirit. "We should play to win, we should not play with fear of losing. We should play with a positive spirit not with a negative spirit. Winning and losing is part of any sport. Only those who are not afraid of losing will win. Prime Minister Modi's Khelo India, Fit India and Jeeto India calls have spurred the nation with India winning the highest number of medals at the Tokyo Olympics, Mr. Bommai said.

He launched the postal cover of Khelo India Youth Games.

Mr. Shah praised the contestants and called on the youth to bring glory to the nation. "I congratulate all the Universities and the athletes who participated at the Khelo India University Games.

All the athletes who participate are deserving of applause. Winning or losing is part and parcel of sports. But to compete in sports is the more important thing.

Since 2014, our Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a mission of his life to make India the number one nation in every area, including sports. He never worried about problems, but planned, worked hard, and found ways to bring results. In sports, Prime Minister Modi took a series of initiatives, and today, we can see the beautiful result of the same initiatives," Mr. Shah said.

Mr. Shah spoke eloquently on the importance of playing sports, and how it shapes one's character. "I want to tell athletes that sports are an important aspect of our life. The one who plays sports will only get success in life. This is because sports give us the strength to bear defeat in life. Only then, you can develop the desire to win. Our athletes are making us proud at the Olympics these days.

And Prime Minister Modi has developed a roadmap to ensure that by 2047, when India celebrates 100th Independence Day, India would be among the top five nations at the Olympics," Mr. Shah added.

Congratulating the efforts of all participating athletes and the hosts Jain University, Union Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Anurag Singh Thakur said, "Khelo India University Games, Fit India, and Khelo India Youth Games are the results of PM Modi's vision. I am glad we made the decision to host the 2nd edition of the Khelo India University Games in Bengaluru this year. I can say with utmost pride that despite the Covid-19 pandemic, the KIUG 2021 has been an outstanding and very successful event. The athletes here broke 2 National Records and 76 previous records of University Games this year."

More power to forensic investigation

During his visit to Karnataka, Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Regional Forensic Science Laboratory at Bellary. In the State Budget, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai had announced adding more sections at each of the Regional Forensic Science Laboratories at Kalaburagi, Mangaluru, Davangere, Bellary and Mysore to increase the testing capacity of our labs.

In recent years, Karnataka State police has been focussing on augmentation of facilities for scientific investigations. In 2020, the then Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa and the then Home Minister Basavaraj Bommai inaugurated state-of-the-art State Forensic Science Laboratory at Madivala, at a cost of Rs. 30 crore. In March 2022, Regional Forensic Science Laboratory at Hubli was inaugurated by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai.

Trained personnel

In addition to infrastructure, there has been a massive infusion of trained human resources in the past three years to strengthen the forensic investigation part of policing. Karnataka has added 153 scientific officers, 42 assistants, and 203 scene of crime officers during this period. Using these experts, it is planned to add new sections in every Regional Forensic Science Laboratory. Considering the nature of recent trends of crime, our focus is to add computer forensic, mobile, and audio / video forensic and DNA testing facilities at multiple and Regional Forensic Science Laboratories. At present, these facilities are only available at State Forensic Science Laboratory, Bengaluru. Scene of crime officers will be provided with mobile forensic science vehicles, which are equipped with all sample collecting and testing facilities.

Besides financial support from the State Government to the tune of Rs. 48 crore, state police have also been substantially supported by the Government of India through modernization and Nirbhaya fund.

Karnataka State Police has already signed an MoU for National Forensic Science University, Gujarat, for induction training of all the Scientific Officers and scene of crime officers.

Between 2014-2021 testing capacities of our Forensic Science Laboratories increased from 16,000 to 24,000 per year, in a period of seven years.

However, Karnataka Government plans to increase this capacity to 48,000 per year by 2023. Such massive augmentation of infrastructures, equipment and manpower clubbed with already operational Forensic Lab Management Software (FLMS) will help foster submission of Forensic Science Laboratory reports to courts and investigation officers, and thereby improving convictions.

E-beat app

Launch of Smart E-beats app by Union Home Minister Amit Shah

Executing the direction of the Prime Minister for smart policing, Karnataka State Police is launching a Smart E-beat system in the entire state, thereby replacing the traditional beat system, which was executed by placing the Beat Books at each beat point. Whenever beat police visited the beat, he marked his presence by putting signature along with date and time. The books were frequently damaged due to bad weather or misplaced by the public and police staff. Previous system had possibilities of manipulation and lacked interaction between policemen and citizens. The new one is a smart system suitable for a smart city.

NATGRID: Karnataka set to face security challenges with infotech

Security requirements today in India have changed significantly as compared to the earlier in terms of data, scope and complexity. Therefore, there is a need for legal and security agencies to have automated, secure and immediate access to information obtained from reliable sources. The Government has entrusted the task of developing and operating a state-of-the-art and innovative information technology platform for accessing information from the data collection organizations to NATGRID.

Union Minister for Home and Cooperation Amit Shah inaugurated the National Intelligence Grid (NATGRID) Bengaluru campus was a milestone in building capacity in this direction. To stop modern day crimes, we need to stay and think two steps ahead, NATGRID will have special and important role to play and this unit is indeed a feather in the cap of Karnataka.

Speaking at the inauguration, the Home Minister said that the Union Government will soon be developing a national database to monitor hawala transactions, terrorist funding, counterfeit currency, narcotics, bomb threats, illegal arms smuggling and other terrorist activities. He said intelligence and legal agencies should now be able to make full use of them with the barriers to critical data being removed. With the help of data analytics and information technology, there should be a paradigm shift in the current way of working of agencies. He expressed hope that NATGRID will fulfil the responsibility of linking various sources.

The Union Home Minister said NATGRID should have an in-built mechanism for continuous upgradation. There should be a study group in NATGRID to create a database of modes operandi of various crimes committed within the country. Shri Amit Shah said that C-DAC is implementing NATGRID in line with Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of a self-reliant India. He said for quick and effective analysis information should not be kept in silos, as it does not result in the analysis of information and getting it properly done in time. The Home Minister said that for analysis of information, it is important that Accessible, Affordable, Available, Accountable and Actionable points are kept in mind. Mr. Amit Shah said the Police Technology Mission announced by Prime Minister Modi in the Director Generals of Police Conference will start soon.

Union Home Minister congratulated NATGRID employees for their achievements and also encouraged them to step up their efforts to take NATGRID to the next level. He expressed hope that NATGRID will build a strong foundation for intelligence departments and provide them with state-of-the-art tools in the fight against terrorist organizations and their supporters.

He requested user agencies to exercise caution and discretion in using this system, which should be used only for the correct purposes. They should also ensure that as much as possible, data from the system is used to improve their efficiency.

He stressed that privacy and security of data is a very serious matter and assured that necessary protocols have been put in place to ensure that there is no unauthorized access to the personal data of any citizen through this system at any point of time.

Chief Minister of Karnataka Basavaraj Bommai, Home Minister Araga Gyanendra, Union Minister of State for Home Nishith Pramanik and Union Home Secretary were also present at the inauguration ceremony.

EV charging hub set up in Whitefield

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Fortum Charge & Drive India, an electric vehicle charging infrastructure firm, has set up a public EV-charging hub with 50 charging points at the Forum Neighbourhood Mall in Whitefield.

The charging hub would cater to all types of electric cars, 3-wheelers and 2-wheelers. The facility has ten 60KW CCS charging points, four 15 KW DC001 charging points and thirty-six 7.4KW Type-2 AC charging points.

According to Awadhesh Jha, Executive Director, Fortum Charge & Drive India, the company plans to install over 200 charging points in the city by the end of 2022.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to general public at large, that my client is intended to purchase an immovable property bearing vacant Site No. 463, Khatha No. 246, formed in Sy. No. 52/1 and 52/2, "UTOPIA" measuring 50feet X 100 feet in total measuring 5000 Sq. Feet situated at Gadenhalli Village, jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore District, which is described in the scheduled herein below from its owner Sri Ashok Kumar Raina S/o Prem Nath Raina.

Apart from said owner, if any person/s have any manner of right, title and or any interest or claim or charge or lien over the schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s with regard to sale of the schedule property by the aforesaid owner, they are hereby called upon to file their objections in writing along with the documents on which they rely within 7 days with the undersigned from the date of this publication of this notice

Schedule

All that piece and parcel of an immovable property bearing vacant Site No. 463 (Property No. 152/463), Khatha No. 246, PID No. 150200201300600166, formed in Sy. No. 52/1 and 52/2, "UTOPIA" measuring 50feet X 100 feet in total measuring 5000 Sq. Feet situated at Gadenhalli Village, jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore District, and bounded on

East by : Site No. 444;
West by : 40 feet Road;
North by : Site No. 464;
South by : Site No. 462;

Sd/- **HARISH .S**, Advocate,
"Sri Vinayaka Complex" Sulibele Road
(NH-207) Devanahalli Town,
Bangalore Rural District -562 110
Mob:- 9845538833

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client is intended to purchase the immovable property described in the Schedule below from **1. Sri. D. BALAJI**,Son of Sri. K.T. Doreswamy, **2. Sri. P. RAMALINGAM**, Son of Sri. R. Palaniswamy Chettiar, **3. Smt. R. DEEPALAKSHMI**, Wife of Sri.PRamalingam, and they have represented that they are the owners of the Schedule Property free from all encumbrance/s and litigation/s etc.,

Any person / institution having any right, title, claim or interest of any nature in the Schedule Property or any objections of any manner whatsoever to the above sale transaction between my client and **1. Sri. D. BALAJI**, Son of Sri. K.T. Doreswamy, **2. Sri. P. RAMALINGAM**, Son of Sri. R. Palaniswamy Chettiar, **3. Smt. R. DEEPALAKSHMI**, Wife of Sri. P. Ramalingam, is hereby called upon to notify the undersigned and file objections/claims along-with supporting documents within **15 (FIFTEEN)** days from the date of publication of this Notice at the address mentioned below. If no such claim is received, it would be deemed that the above mentioned owners have clear and marketable title to the property specified below and that others do not have any claim over the same and /or claims if any will be deemed to have been waived. Any claims raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of Immovable Property being Residential House bearing **BBMP Municipal No.36**, PID No.48-19-36, New PID No.118-M0137-42, (Old No.49/1, later No.49), situated at 1st "B" Main Road, Sudhamanagar 1st Block, Bangalore (BBMP Ward No.48 andWard Name : Sudhamanagar), Sital area measures **East to West : 38 feet 6 inches** and North to **South : 27 feet 6 inches**, (total measuring 1058.75 square feet), with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface, and Bounded on

East by : Property bearing No.50
West by : Road
North by : Road
South by : Previously G.Gangadharaiah's Property presently Tamil Selvi's property

Along-with existing Old Residential Building with structures standing thereon comprised of Ground Floor measuring 750 square feet of built-up-area with R.C.C. Roof, and First Floor measuring 750 Square feet of built up area with A.C.C. Sheet Roof, Red-oxide Flooring, Jungle Wood doors and windows, with furniture/s, fittings and fixtures including civic amenities i.e., water, electricity and sanitary connections along-with sump with electric motor, overhead water tank, staircase etc.

P. MANJUNATH, Advocate
HM LEGAL, Office at No.24/10, 1ST Floor, Haudin Road, Ulsoor, Bengaluru-560 042,
Mobile: 9945036969
(Timings: 11.00 AM to 08.00 PM)

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Office of the Executive Engineer Project South, South Zone Office Complex, 9th Main, 9th Cross, Jayanagara 2nd block, Bengaluru - 560011

No.EEP(S)/E-Procu/01/2022-23 Date: 05-05-2022

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer, Project South, BBMP, Bengaluru invites tenders from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

(TWO COVER SYSTEM)

	Name of the Works & Category	Approx Value (Rs.in Lakhs)	EMD (in Rs.)
1)	Repairs and Maintenance of BBMP H.Siddaiah Referral Hospital in Chickpet Constituency ward no 118.	82.00	164000/-
2)	Repairs and Maintenance of BBMP Building in Byrasandra High School in ward no 169.	54.00	108000/-
3)	Repairs and Maintenance of BBMP Market in Kalasipalya in Chickpete Constituency	55.00	110000/-
	(SINGLE COVER SYSTEM)		
4)	Providing borewell and water supply to BBMP market at 4th block Jayanagara market complex in ward no 169 Jayanagara Constituency. **(Others)**	48.00	96000/-
5)	Maintenance and repairs of Hospitals, Maternity Homes, Dispensary & Doctors quarters/ Clinical laboratories in Basavanagudi Constituency. **(SC)**	20.00	25000/-
6)	Repairs and Maintenance of BBMP building in Adugodi Maternity Hospital. **(Others)**	06.00	15000/-
7)	Repairs and Maintenance of Banashankari Referral Hospital in ward No. 165 Padmanabhanagara Constituency. **(Others)**	45.00	90000/-
8)	Repairs and Maintenance of BBMP Market in Jayanagara 2nd Block in Ward No. 153. **(Others)**	28.00	56000/-
9)	Repairs and Maintenance of ARO BBMP building in Madiwala 1st stage BTM Layout. **(SC)**	32.00	32000/-
10)	Repairs and Maintenance to Gavipuram Maternity Hospital in ward no 142. **(Others)**	10.00	25000/-
11)	Repairs and Renovation of Pobbathi BBMP building in ward no 143 V.V.Puram. **(SC)**	10.00	12500/-
12)	Repair and Providing additional toilet block and painting to BBMP in Avalahalli market building in Basavangudi Constituency. **(Others)**	15.00	37500/-
13)	Repairs and Maintenance of Wilson Garden Maternity Hospital. **(Others)**	06.00	15000/-
14)	Repairs and Maintenance work in Housing quarters Hombegowda nagara in Ward No.145. **(ST)**	09.00	11250/-
15)	Repairs and Maintenance of BBMP Market in N. R Colony in Basavanagudi Constituency. **(Others)**	20.00	50000/-
16)	Repairs and painting in N. R.Colony market complex Basavanagudi Constituency. **(Others)**	25.00	50000/-

Calendar of Events: 1. Pre bid meeting will be held on: **16.05.2022 at 3.00 p.m. 2.** Tenders must be submitted online through e-procurement portal on or **before 16.00 hours on 25.05.2022. 3.** Technical Bid opening **Date: 27.05.2022 at 4.30 p.m. 4.** Financial Bid opening **Date: 31.05.2022 at 4.00 p.m. or After Technical bid approval.**

Sd/-, Executive Engineer Project South, BBMP.

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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, VENKATGIRIAMMAL is legally mother of No.10490131P Rank HAV Name: Narayana Swamy T presently residing at Dodda Yeluva Halli (Village) Inrohasa Halli (Post), Bangarpet (Teh), Kolar (Dist), Karnataka-563114 have changed my name to Venkatagiriyamma vide Affidavit dated 07.04.2022 sworn before Notary V.B.Prasad, Bangarpet, Kolar.

WE, RIYAZ Ahmed Shamshudeen and Hazara Fathima Ajmal Hussain mother of Ahmed Zuizz Shamshudeen (Minor) residing at No.8, Balaji Enclave, 1st Cross, Rama Temple Main Road, Doddanekkundi, Bengaluru-560037 have deleted our son's Surname and has assumed his name to be as Ahmed Zuizz vide affidavit 05/05/2022 before Meer Hassan, Notary, Bengaluru.

I, G ASHWINI is legally wedded spouse of No.10490131P Rank HAV Name: Narayana Swamy T residing at Dodda Yeluva Halli (Village) Inrohasa Halli (Post), Bangarpet (Teh), Kolar (Dist), Karnataka-563114 have changed my name to Ashwini K G vide Affidavit dated 07.04.2022 sworn before Notary V.B.Prasad, Bangarpet, Kolar.

I, SEETHA Bai Mother of Service No.2874, Rank: MACH, Name: Nagendrappa, son presently working in 515, Army Base Workshop, Halasuru, Bengaluru-560008, have changed my name from Seetha Bai to Seetha Devi vide affidavit dt: 05/05/2022 sworn to before Notary A.R.Muneer Ahmed, Bluru.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, ABDUL Khader also known as Yesnub Farukhi S/o Mohammed Niazullah Farukhi residing at No.31/13, Loyalla Layout, Ashoknagar, Bengaluru-560047 have changed my name to Abdul Khader Farukhi vide affidavit 05/05/2022 before Meer Hassan, Notary, Bengaluru.

I, (RACANNAGARI Chandra Sekhar) F/O (Dhaksha Priya Naidu Rasannagari) born on (28/02/2011) residing at (254/1,1st cross, Flower Garden, Babuspalya, Kalyan nager, Bangalore), have changed my minor daughters name to (Dhaksha Priya Naidu Rachannagari) vide affidavit dated (30th April 2022) at (Punganur)

I, (RASANNAGARI Chennakesav) S/O (Racannagari Chandra Sekhar) born on (22/11/2007) residing at (254/1, 1st cross, Flower Garden, Babuspalya,Kalyan nager, Bangalore), have changed my name to (Chennakesav Rachannagari) vide affidavit dated (30th April 2022) at (Punganur)

I, KALAIVANI, daughter of Ex Nb Sub Late R.Vasudevan, residing at No.509, Frank & Co, Marikuppam Post, KGF, states that I am divorcee and I am daughter of Vasudevan (Ex Nb Sub JC-392261per(l) further states that my name is V. Kalaivani and date of birth is 25.10.1960 but in service records, my father wrongly mentioned as Kalaivani and DOB as 26.10.1960, this affidavit made before Notary S.Thangaraj to show that my name as V.Kalaivani and DOB as 25.10.1960 and to enter the same in army records of my father Vasudevan.

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I ARIHANT MEHTHA R/o 5196, prestige tranquility, Budigere cross, off old madras road, Bangalore - 560049 have changed my minor daughter's name Aishani Mehta to Avnoor Mehta for all purposes

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LOST DEED (Original document) bearing no. 2073/96–97, BBMP Regd. dated 02/09/1996, pertaining to property at 202 Meenakshi Apts, 45 Ranga Rao Road, Shankarapuram, B'lore–04. Lost Report No. 0215793/2022. If found please return to above address.

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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF XXIX ADDITION THE CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-30)
O.S NO. 362/2021

Between:
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at: Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara-390007, having its head office at M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd., No.1, Shobha Pearl, 2nd Floor, MG Road, Commissariat Road, Bangalore-560025, and branch office at: 4/10, Mythree tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur main road, Bengaluru-560068 through its Authorised representative.
Mr. Pramodh.G ...Plaintiff

And:
Ms. Bhawana Bhowmik
...Defendants

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant:
1. Ms. Bhawana Bhowmik,
D/o. Mr Sudarshan Pareek,
Aged about 40 Years,
Residing at B007, Ground Floor, Shraddha Pasmera Apartments, Pannathur Main Road, Kadabeesanahalli, Bengaluru-560103.
Also R/at
Permanently residing at;
#361, 6th Cross, 29th Main, BTM II Stage, Bengaluru- 560 076.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs.7,53,223/- along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the XXIX Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H-30), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 30/06/22 at 11:00 AM to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 29th day of April 2022 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court,
Assistant Registrar,
Hon'ble City Civil Court
Bengaluru.

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar Vidhii Partners, Advocates, No. 701, Queens Corner 'A', #3, Queens Road, Bengaluru -01.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE (CCH-3)
O.S. No 368/2017

Between:
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited Having Its Branch Office At Mytree Centre, No. 4, 101 Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068.
Represented by its Authorised Representative
Mr. M. Janardhan Adiga
...Plaintiff

And
Mr. Akhil Bora ...DEFENDANT

Summons to the Defendant By way of Paper Publication

Mr. Akhil Bora
S/o. Mr. Ghana Kanta Bora
Aged about 48 years
No.26, Korappana Agrahara, Electronic City, Opposite New Water Tank, Bangalore-560100.
And also at:
Village West Senchowa, NH-37, Near Block Develop Office, Nagaon District, Assam- 782010.
DEFENDANT

Whereas the ICICI Bank Ltd., has instituted a suit for recovery of money against you under Order VII, Rule 1 of CPC for Rs. 3,02,606.83/- (Rupees Three Lakh Two Thousand Six Hundred Six Paisa Eighty Three only) together with costs, pendentelite and future interests @ 18% per annum. You are here by summoned in person or by a pleader, at the city civil court hall No.03 on 02/7/2022 at 11 a.m. to answer the claims and you are directed to produce on that day all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your defense.

Take notice in case on non-appearance on the day above mentioned, the above suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court this 21-04-2022

By order of the Court,
Assistant Registrar,
City Civil Judge
Bangalore.

Advocate for Plaintiff
J.S. Advocates and Legal Consultants, No.56/1-1, 4th Main, 16th Cross, Opposite to Corporation Bank, Malleshwaram West, Bangalore-560055.

LEGAL NOTICE

PROCLAMATION REQUIRING ATTENDANCE OF DEFENDANT
(ORDER 5, rule 20 of the Code of Civil Procedure)
In the court of Sh. Anurag Chhabra
Civil Judge-03 (Central)
Room No. 15, Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi
Suit No. : SCJ/3568/2018
UZMI Laboratories India Pvt. Ltd.
Versus
S. Kumar Optician

To,
S. Kumar Optician
Office : Shop 1/2, 3rd Cross, Ist Main Road Yeswanthpur, Kamataka-560022.

The Defendant above named

WHEREAS you are intentionally evading service of summons it is hereby notified that if you shall not defend the case on the **17-05-2022 at 10:00** O'clock the day fixed for the final disposal, it will be heard and determined ex-parte.

GIVEN under my hand and the seal of the court, this 10-03-2022. Sd/
Civil Judge-03 (Central)
Tis Hazari Courts, Delhi
(Seal)

Govt. of Karnataka (Zilla Panchayat, Gadag)
Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayat Raj Engineering Division, Gadag

No.PRED/GDG/PB-2/Tender /2022-23 / 163 Date: 05-05-2022

Short Term E-Procurement tender Notification
Standard Bid Document KW-3 (Two Cover System)

Tenders are invited for the following 4 No. of works as per Karnataka Public Transparency Act-2000 Standard Bid Document KW-3 Rules from eligible contractor through e-Procurement Portal Eligible Contractors registered in the year **Head of A/c** 3054 Fund Lumsum grant of Panchayat Raj Engineering Department can Participate through https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in

S. No.	Name of the work/ Work Indent	Amount Put to Tender (in Rs)	EMD Amount to be submitted through e-proc(in Rs.)	Period for Completion of work (including Monsoon)	Class of Contractor
1	PK-1 NRG: 1] REPAIRS TO GANGAPUR- BHAIRANA HATTI ROAD [2] JUNGLE CUTTING & ROAD REPPAIR TO SHIROL -KITTALI ROAD 3] REPAIRS TO KAPPALI VILLAGE KOLACHE KALUVE TO SC/ST COMMUNITY FILED CONNECTING ROAD IN NARAGUND TALUK OF GADAG DIST. UNDER 2021-22 3054 LUMSUM GRANT **WORK_INDENT 88903**	9013792.32	180300/-	6 Months	Valid PWD contractor can participate KW-3
2	PK-2 NRG: [1] IMPROVEMENTS TO SANKADAL - SHIRASANGI ROAD [2]REPAIRS TO SHIDDAPUR-GURLKATTI INTERIOR ROAD [3] REPAIRS TO BHAIRNAHATTI- UDACHAMMANAGAR ROAD IN NARAGUND TALUK OF GADAG DIST. UNDER 3054 LUMSUM GRANT **WORK_INDENT 89206**	7871041.71	157500/-	6 Months	Valid PWD contractor can participate KW-3
3	PK-3 NRG (1) REPAIRS TO HUNASHIKATTI-GOBBARGUMPI SANNADARI , CONSTRUCTION OF CD (2)REPAIRS TO KALAKERI -AMARAGOL ROAD TO YALAVI HALLA (3) REPAIRS TO KURUGOVINKOPPA HALLA ROAD TO KITTUR ROAD UNDER 2021-22 3054 LUMSUM GRANT. **WORK_INDENT 89195**	7880347.69	157700/-	6 Months	Valid PWD contractor can participate KW-3
4	PK-4 NRG [1] REPAIRS TO LAKHAMAPUR HALLA TO RIVER (HOLE DAARI) [2] REPAIRS TO BUDIHAL VILLAGE SMASHANA RASTE UPTO BUDIHAL TIMMANAGOUDAR FIELD ROAD [3] REPAIRS MUNGANUR-MATHAD CROSS FIELD ROAD UNDER 2021-22 3054 LUMSUM GRANT. GRANT **WORK_INDENT 89171**	8988688.26	179800/-	6 Months	Valid PWD contractor can participate KW-3

Date for Submission of filled in application and Schedule-B through website is: **05-05-2022 to 16-05-2022** at 16:00 hrs Date of opening of Technical Bid **18-05-2022** at 16:30 hrs and opening of Financial Bid :20-**05-2022 at** 16:30 hrs. Successful eligible bidders of the Financial Bid must personally visit the above office for the difference amount of P.S.D. amount in the form of F.D.R. (as per Rule No.13) within 20 days from the date of publishing of the tender. Since it is electronic system and paper less there is no communication through letters. More details can be had during office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayat Raj Engineering Division,Gadag.

DIPR/GADAG/61/2022-23/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

Bangalore - 560012.

Advertisement No. R(HR)/Recruitment-3/2022

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for filling up the position of **Junior Engineer (Civil/Electrical)** at the Institute. For further details, visit our web site: **https://iisc.ac.in/positions-open/.**

Last date of Application: **26.05.2022.**

Date: 06.05.2022 **Sd/-, REGISTRAR**

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

Bangalore - 560012.

Advertisement No. R(HR)Temp-08(OIR)/2022

Applications are invited for the post of **Advisor to International Students and Scholars** at Office of International Relations at the Institute.

Last Date of Application: **27.05.2022.**

For further details, visit our web site at **https://iisc.ac.in/positions-open/**

Date: 06.05.2022 **Sd/-, REGISTRAR**

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED

CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

No.: KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_INDENT 12249 Date: 21.04.2022

ABSTRACT BID NOTIFICATION

(Two Cover System) (Through e-Procurement Portal only)

KPCL invites sealed bids through GOK e-Procurement platform **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from the qualified bidders for the following works: **a)** 2 Nos. 20 MVA, 15.75/6.9 KV, 3 phase, outdoor, 2 winding, 50 Hz, rated Unit Auxiliary Transformers with 8% impedance voltage on 20 MVA base, Dyn11 connected with ± 10% off load taps in steps of 2.5% on HV winding, ONAN cooled with initial filling of oil and 10% extra oil in non-returnable steel drums along with other accessories and essential spares. **b)** 2 Nos. Out Door 50 KVA, 4000/400V, 1 Phase, 50Hz, 4.5% impedance voltage Neutral Grounding Transformers with off circuit taps of ± 5% in steps of 2.5% on HV side for grounding of Unit Auxiliary Transformer as detailed above. **c)** 2 Nos. outdoor Neutral Grounding Resistors of 4.38 Ohms, 100 Amps, 36.55 KW continuous rating with off circuit taps at 25% and 50% complete with fittings and accessories for use in conjunction with the Neutral Grounding Transformer as detailed above. Calendar of events: Last date for receipt of queries if any through e-procurement cell: **07.05.2022 @ 17:00Hrs.** Date of Pre-bid meeting, if required for technical clarification at KPCL, CE(TD) office, Bangalore: **12.05.2022 @ 11:00Hrs.** Date of furnishing Replies to queries: **20.05.2022.** Last date for receipt of completed bids: **20.06.2022 @ 17:00Hrs.** Date & time of opening of Technical Bid (Cover -I): **22.06.2022 @ 11:00Hrs.**Date & time of opening of Price Bid (Cover-II): **Will be intimated later.** Further details can be had from the office of the **Chief Engineer (Thermal Designs). KPCL, No-3, (Green Building), 2nd Floor, Behind Drug Controller Office Premises, Palace Road, BANGALORE - 560 001.** Mobile: **9141607845**, EE(Ele-2), E-Mail: **kpclcetd@gmail.com, cetdkpcl@karnataka.gov.in,** Website: **https://kpcl.karnataka.gov.in**

Karnataka Forest Development Corporation Limited, Shivamogga Division, Shivamogga.

(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Near R.T.O. Office, D.C. Compound,
Shivamogga – 577201
dmkfdcsmg@gmail.com Ph.: 08182-222122
No.:K.F.D.C.L./DM/Sh/S-4/Plantation/2022-23/68
Date: 20.04.2022

e-Tender Notice

e-Tender is invited through e-procurement portal for undertaking Advance and Plantation works of approx. Rs. 52.374 lakhs in around 134.70 Hectares area in Shivamogga, Soraba and Thirthahalli Units of Shivamogga Division during Rainy season for the year 2022. Last date and time for submission of "e"- Tender: 11.05.2022 up to 5.30 PM

Date and time of opening "e"- Tender: 13.05.2022 after 3.00 PM. For further information visit 'e' portal website https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in or contact Phone No. of this office: 08182-222122 or contact the above address during office hours.

Sd/- Divisional Manager,
Shivamogga Divison, Shivamogga.

DIPR/smg/No.02/05/mca/22-23/151

KALYAN KARNATAKA ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION VIJAYAPUR DIVISION

NO:KKRTC:VJP:TR:COMM:429:2022-23 Dated:29.04.2022

E-TENDER & SANDHAN PUBLICATION DETAILS

Tender Notification Number: 1) Number: 169/22/E/9 (23 Bus Stands Cleaning, Toilet & Urinals Maintenance)
2) Number : 169/22/E/10 (CBS VIJAYAPUR Toilet & Urinals Maintenance)
3) NO: 713/21/E/4 (Commercial Stalls & Open Space of the Bus Stands)
4) Sandhan No: 151/17/4 (Open Space for Advertisement @ Various Bus Stands of the Division)
1) Last Date & Time for online application/Sandhan: **17.05.2022** Up to 17.30 PM.
2) E-Tender & Sandhan Opening **Date & Time :19.05.2022** After 10.00 AM.
For details visit https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in or Contact D.T.O :7760992252 or Commercial Case Worker (Traffic Section) Vijayapur Divisional Office during office hours.

Sd/- Divisional Controller,
ಜಾಹೀರಾತು/ವಿವಿಧ/ಪತ್ರಿಕೆ/2022-23 **K.K.R.T.C Vijayapur Division.**

CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA NIYAMITHA

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER,
Harangi Rehabilitation Division, Kushalnagar - 571234
Somwarpet Taluk, Kodagu District, Karnataka State.

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
No. 04/2022-23 Dt. 04-05-2022
(Through e-procurement Portal Only - Short term)

Item Rate tenders are invited on e-procurement basis by the Executive Engineer, Harangi Rehabilitation Division, Kushalnagara, Somwarapet Taluk, Kodagu District on behalf of the Managing Director, CNNL, Bangalore from eligible contractors for 1 number of SCP-TSP works in Periyapatna Taluk juridiction with Estimate amount of Rs. 80.00 Lakhs.

The contractors can have access / download tender document from e-procurement portal and the last date to submit the filled tender document is **12-05-2022** till 4.00 pm. Technical bid will be opened on **13-05-2022** at 4.30 PM onwards and Financial bid will be opened after the approval of Technical Bid. All the information is available on e-procurement web-site address **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**.

Tender processing fee as stipulated in the e-procurement portal is applicable for each work. Additional information can be obtained from the undersigned during the office hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Harangi Rehabilitation Division,
Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Niyamitha
Kushalanagar, Somwarpet Taluk,
Kodagu District - 571234, Karnataka

HUBLI ELECTRICITY SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

(Wholly Owned Govt. of Karnataka Undertaking)
Superintending Engineer (Ele), O&M Circle, Shivaganga Layout, HESCOM Hubli-23
Phone No : 0836-2364144, Fax No : 0836-2366184,
E-Mail : seehbl.hescom@gmail.com GST No: 29AABCH3176JEZZ
Corporate Identity Number (CIN) : U31401KA2002SGC030437
No: HESCOM/SEE/EEE(O)/AEE-1/2022-23/310 Date : 26-04-2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

(Through e-Procurement Portal Only)

Superintending Engineer (Ele), O and M Circle, HESCOM, Hubballi has invited Tenders through e-procurement portal for "*Providing Data Entry Operators, Watchmans & Store helpers of Various for O & M Divisions/Sub-Divisions/ Accounting sections/Divisional Stores in the jurisdiction of O & M Hubballi Circle, HESCOM, Hubballi in Dharwad & Gadag Districts* for a period is upto 31/03/2023 on hire basis through outsource agency" *vide bid indents Nos:*

1. Tender No : SEE/AEE/HBL/22-23/SC22/DEO-I
2. Tender No: SEE/AEE/HBL/22-23/SC23/DEO-II
3. Tender No: SEE/AEE/HBL/22-23/SC19/Watchman
4. Tender No: SEE/AEE/HBL/22-23/SC20/Watchman
5. Tender No: SEE/AEE/HBL/22-23/SC21/Watchman
6. Tender No: SEE/AEE/HBL/22-23/SC24/Storehelpers

To obtain Tender Documents please visit Website : **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for further details and any Clarification Contact Under signed during office hours.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, (Ele)
DIPR/DWD/MCA/135/2022-23 **O&M Circle, HESCOM, Hubli.**

(Government of Karnataka)
RURAL WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION DEPARTMENT HASSAN DIVISION HASSAN
Phone No.08172-261640 Email Id:eerdwsd.hsn@gmail.com

TWO COVER SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
NO: 03/2022-23 DATED : 05-05-2022

On Behalf Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer Rural Water Supply & Sanitation Department Hassan Division Hassan, Has Invited the Tender for the works of Arsikere Taluk Approved under 2021-22 MVS Mention Below, **Two Cover System works** Hassan, Belur, Alur & Sakaleshpur Taluk -01 Work (General Category) Channarayaptana Taluk -01 Work (General Category) Holenarsipura Taluk -02 Works (General Category) Arkalgud Taluk -03 Works (General Category) Above work tenders are invited in Two cover system in e-procurement portal. The tender details are available in www.e-procurement.karnataka.gov.in From **07-05-2022** After 5.30P.m . The bidder should submitted the tender with in the dated: **04-06-2022** before 5-30 P.M. On Dated :**30-05-2022** The Pre-bid Meeting will be conducted in this office, Interested Contractor may participated. Venue: Office of the Executive Engineer, Rural Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Zilla Panchyath Building, N.R.Circle Hassan. The Technical bid will open on dated : **06-06-2022** after 11.00 A.M. The Financial bid of the Technically qualified bidder will be open on dated: **10-06-2022** after 11.00A.M. The Executive Engineer has reserved the rights of to cancel all tender or any one tender without giving any reason.

Sd/- Executive Engineer Rural drinking water and sanitation
ಜಾಹೀರಾತು/ಪತ್ರಿಕೆ/ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ/2022-23/75 **Dept, Hassan division, Hassan.**

Active cases: State sees over 20% rise in a month

Cases started increasing from Dec.-end when 3rd wave began

AFSHAN YASMEEN
BENGALURU

Although daily new cases of COVID-19 are not significantly high as yet, the number of active cases in Karnataka have shot up by 23.6% in the last one month. From 1,500 on April 4, active cases have increased to 1,854 on May 5.

The number of active COVID-19 cases in the third wave in Karnataka fell below the 50,000 mark on February 11 and further below the 20,000 mark on February 17 after hitting a peak of 3,62,487 cases on January 24. From March 20, active cases fell below 2,000 and have since then been hovering around 1,800. On April 4, the cases further plummeted to 1,500.

The last time active caseload was around 50,000 was on January 9, 2022, when 49,602 were under treatment. Subsequently, when active cases crossed 73,260 on January 11, Union Joint Secretary Rajesh Bhushan wrote to States and Union Territories advising them to keep a daily watch on active cases, home isolation and hospital cases, especially those needing oxygen.

Rise and fall

Active cases, which have been consistently declining since September 2021, started rising from the end of December when the third wave began. By January 1, 2022, however, active cases stood at 9,386, crossing the 9,000 mark for the first time since mid-October 2021 before reaching 10,292 on January 2. In five days, the number doubled, touching 22,173 on January 6. Since then, the number of active cases saw a rapid rise till January 24, when 3,62,487 patients were under treatment. The cases, since then, have seen a steady decline.

Recording discharges

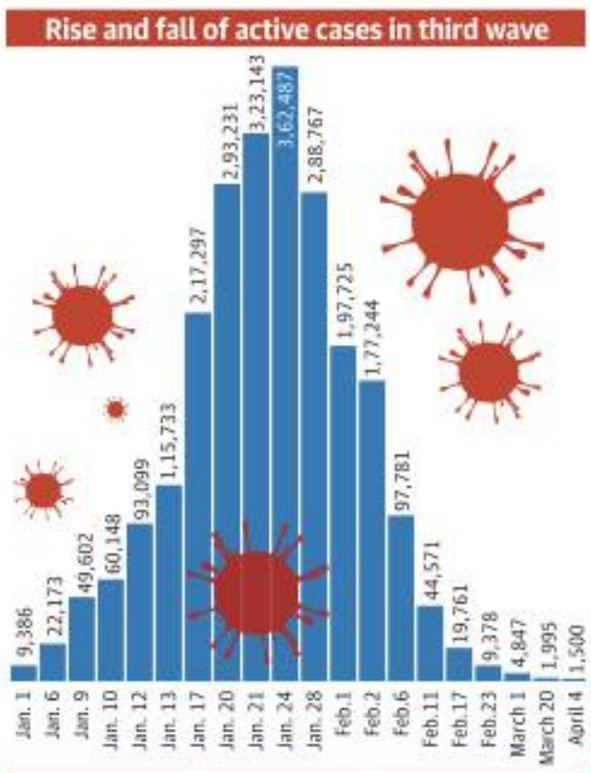
State Health Commissioner Randeep D. said the rise in active cases is in proportion to the average rise in daily new cases. "Discharges need to be shown daily after checking the COVID infected person's status telephonically after 10 days from the date of them testing positive. In some cases, there may not be timely checking and recording the recovery of such patients. We will direct the districts to do this without any delay," he said.

Pointing out that home isolation discharges are being checked after seven days itself, the Commissioner said: "As almost all cases are home isolation now, we have to proactively call the patient after 7-10 days and if s/he has been symptomless for the previous three days, we consider it as discharge. This seems to have not kept pace with new cases. Hence the slight increase in active cases."

C.N. Manjunath, nodal officer for labs and testing in the State's COVID-19 task force and member of the State's Clinical Experts Committee, said the situation is not alarming as of now. "The rise in active cases is a cumulative effect of new cases getting added everyday. However, the overall test positivity rate is around 1.5% as of now and a majority of the infected are either asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic. It is important that those with comorbidities seek medical advice as soon as they develop symptoms. They should undergo risk assessment and evaluation."

Pointing out that the slight rise in cases as of now does not indicate the pattern of a wave, Dr. Manjunath said: "A clear picture will emerge only by the end of this month or the first week of June. What we are seeing now is a localised spike in cases. However, it is too early to rule out the fourth wave."

Rise and fall of active cases in third wave



	Total cases	Active cases
First wave peak October 10, 2020	7,00,786	1,20,270
Second wave peak May 15, 2021	21,71,931	6,05,494
Third wave peak January 24, 2022	35,64,108	3,62,487

Containment zones doubled in city

Bellandur ward continues to report most number of COVID-19 cases

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The number of COVID-19 positive cases and the consequent number of containment zones have seen a slight increase. However, this is the result of enhanced surveillance and increase in testing, claimed Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's (BBMP) health officials.

According to the COVID-19 war room reports, there were three active containment zones (with less than five positive cases) on May 2, four zones on May 3. The number of active containment zones increased to eight on May 4.

Similarly, on May 2, 103 positive cases were reported, while 100 were reported on May 3. On May 4, 142 positive cases were reported. On May 5, the number of active containment zones was nine, positive cases 171, and the number of tests 10,121.

BBMP's Special Commissioner (Health) K.V. Thrilokchandra told *The Hindu* that the increase in cases could be attributed to stringent contact tracing and enhanced surveillance measures that are in place.

The civic body was also proactively testing. He said that the civic body had increased the number of tests over the past three days. This is also reflected in the war room reports, which show that on May 2, 2,645 persons were tested. On May 3, 5,973 persons were tested, while on May 4, 6,588 persons were tested.

Many senior citizens who have been visiting the primary health centres to get the precautionary dose are reportedly being asked to get tested for COVID-19. A senior citizen from Malleswaram claimed that though he did not have any travel history or symptoms, the PHC staff asked him to undergo RAT. "I was told that I would be able to get the precautionary dose only then," he said.

However, BBMP's Chief Health Officer Balasundar said that no instruction had been given to the PHC with regard to mandatory testing. He stated that PHCs were currently administering precautionary dose only to those aged above 60. Those over 60 years and with comorbid conditions are only "encouraged" to get tested, he maintained.

Most number of cases

Meanwhile, the war room reports also show that the most number of cases in the city are being reported in Bellandur ward, followed by Hagadur, Doddanekkundi and Varthuru wards.

The health official attributed the high detected rate in Bellandur and few other wards to travel history. Concurring, Mr. Thrilokchandra said that most of those who had tested positive had some sort of domestic travel history, while stating that there was no particular trend as of now.

Interestingly, most of the positive cases that have been detected are asymptomatic.

191 new cases reported

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Karnataka on Thursday reported 191 new cases taking the day's Test Positivity Rate (TPR) to 1.61%.

The weekly TPR touched 1.44% and the total number of cases rose to 39,48,283.

Of the new cases, 171 have been reported from Bengaluru Urban alone.

With zero deaths, the State's toll remained 40,060. A total of 138 persons were discharged on Thursday taking the total recoveries to 39,06,327. Active cases touched 1,854.

A total of 11,830 tests were conducted in the last 24 hours, including 7,909 RT-PCR tests. With this, the total number of tests rose to 6,59,15,530.

Colourful strokes

Paintings on display as part of the India Art Festival at Chitrakala Parishath in Bengaluru on Thursday. • SUDHAKARA JAIN

E-office officially started at Bangalore University

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

Bangalore University (BU) on Thursday officially implemented an e-office.

In a release, BU said that the letter and file processing in the administration will be done through an e-office portal sponsored by the State Government. BU has been successful in implementing Seva Sindhu for its services and the Unified University and College Management System – UUCMS for all academic and examination matters and also in successfully utilising the SSP portal for disbursement of scholarship to students. This way, the university works have been completely digitised, the release said.

The e-office was officially initiated on Thursday in the presence of Vice-Chancellor Venugopal K.R.; Registrar M. Kotresh; State Nodal Officer, e-office, Mahaveer; University Nodal Officer Parmeshwar V. Pandit; Finance Officer i/c Jayalakshmi; and programmer Kanthimathi.

The staff from various departments of the university were present and trained for implementing e-office, the release added.

Tax scam unearthed

STAFF REPORTER
BENGALURU

The Commercial Tax Department raided the residence and office of a GST tax auditor in Davangere and Bengaluru and busted a Input Tax Credit (ITC) scam. Following the raids, the Ramamurthy Nagar police registered an FIR and arrested Veerabhadra from Davangere.

The auditor used to collect money from registered GST payers under the guise of tax, but did not pay it to the department. Instead, he fraudulently claimed ITC towards the tax liabilities without the knowledge of the taxpayers, cheating them and causing loss to the State exchequer. The department busted the ring while investigating taxpayers with excess ITC claims.

The Commercial Tax Department said field Intelligence data and the probe have revealed that the auditor duped 12 taxpayers resulting in excess ITC claims worth ₹10 crore. The department officers till date have succeeded in recovering ₹5.31 crore from business entities concerned.

Prayer hall desecrated

Saffron flag found tied to Holy Cross

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MANGALURU

A Holy Cross placed over a Christian prayer hall was found damaged and a saffron flag tied to it at Peradka in Kadaba taluk in Dakshina Kannada. The incident is said to have happened on Sunday last.

According to a complaint filed by Fr. Jose Verghese of Immanuel Assembly of God in this connection on Wednesday, the main door of the prayer hall was found broken open late on Sunday night. The Holy Cross on the roof of the building was found damaged. A portrait of Lord Hanuman was found in the prayer hall.

The electricity meter, bulbs, water pumpset and pipes were found stolen, the complainant said. The police have registered a case under Sections 448, 295 (A), 427 and 379 of the India Penal Code. A search is on for the accused, the police said.

Timings
BENGALURU

FRIDAY, MAY. 06
RISE 05:57 SET 18:35
RISE 10:02 SET 23:21

SATURDAY, MAY. 07
RISE 05:57 SET 18:36
RISE 10:54 SET 00:00

SUNDAY, MAY. 08
RISE 05:57 SET 18:36
RISE 11:46 SET 00:08

Bengaluru Weather	max	min
Tumakuru	33	25
Mysuru	34	22
Bengaluru	31	22

Bengaluru Today
33°C The weather will be warm and humid. Night will be comfortable. Spell of rain and thundershower with gusty winds are likely.

Bengaluru Tomorrow
34°C A warm and humid weather to prevail. Night also will be comfortable. Thunderstorm may occur.

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Two police officers held in PSI exam scam

Officials in Police Recruitment Cell questioned

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BENGALURU

Expanding the scope of the probe, the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) has arrested two police officers in the PSI recruitment examination scam in Karnataka.

The two officers, Deputy Superintendent of Police Mallikarjun Sali and circle inspector Anand Maitri, are facing charges of striking a deal with Rudragouda Patil, one of the key accused in the case, for helping candidates write the examination using Bluetooth devices.

A centre where malpractices in the PSI recruitment exam are suspected to have taken place in Kalaburagi. • FILE PHOTO

Meanwhile, the CID has been questioning three officials posted in the Police Recruitment Cell on their suspected role in the malpractices.

Earlier, the CID arrested two candidates, Somanath and Raghavendra, who have cleared the exam.

Two candidates named as accused move High Court challenging criminal case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Two persons who are among the accused in the police sub-inspector recruitment exam scam case on Thursday moved the High Court of Karnataka questioning the registration of the first information report (FIR) against them sans any ingredients to *prima facie* show committal of criminal offences.

The two accused candidates, Rachana Hanmant, 25, and Jagrut S., 26, who were among the toppers in the exam held to fill 545 posts of PSI, have said that they were falsely implicated in the case, which is seemingly concocted with an intention to make wrongful gains and to wreck vengeance.

They have also contended that the contents of the complaint, the FIR, and the investigation were sheer abuse of the process of law while claiming that they were innocent and were preparing for the competitive exam from a couple of years.

It has been alleged in the petition that the police are habitual in registering cases against the petitioners and other innocent candidates and use the case as a tool of extortion by taking advantage of vulnerable students.

Ms. Rachana Hanmant, who had secured the first rank, said that falsely fixing and projecting her as accused is highly illegal and opposed to law as there is no material against her either in the complaint or in the FIR.

At the most, the complaint could have been lodged against the staff in charge of the examination process as the allegation was tampering of OMR sheets, it has been contended in the petitions.

Vacation Bench comprising of Justice S. Vishwajith Shetty, before whom both the petitions were listed, adjourned the petitions till next week to rectify the procedural defects notified by the court's registry in both them.

CM jumps to the defence of Minister

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

Launching a counter-attack on the Opposition Congress for accusing Higher Education Minister Ashwath Narayan of involving in the police sub-inspector recruitment examination scam, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday alleged that it was a "hit-and-run case" by the Congress.

"The Congress is making baseless allegations against Dr. Ashwath Narayan. There should be some evidence to make any allegation. But the Congress is trying to make a hit-and-run case. This will not work," the Chief Minister told reporters.

"During the tenure of the Congress, there were several examination scams, including copying and question paper leak. But they did not take any action. Now, when we are trying to act, they are scared that their real colour will come out through investigation of their members who have been arrested," he said. "This is why they are trying to indulge in hit and run. People will not go by it," Mr. Bommai maintained.

He remarked that the Government was clear in its approach that there should be a fair, transparent, and strict probe to bring out the truth with respect to the scam.

Referring to complaints being filed by the legal wing of the Congress related to the scam, he said, "Whoever files a complaint, we will examine it. If it is factual, we will go by it."

Jog Falls project: Centre asks State about impact assessment

Proposed development is amidst fragile ecosystem: panel

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

Karnataka's Forest Department, which was supportive of the Jog Development Projects and had recommended 'in-principal approval' of environmental clearance for a five-star hotel, suffered a setback with the Centre questioning whether any environmental impact study has been carried out.

Karnataka had submitted a proposal seeking diversions of 0.8536 hectares of forest land at Nadavada Talakalale village in Sagar taluk for the five-star hotel in lieu of the existing PWD guest house. The hotel was in addition to development of other facilities in the Jog Falls area.

But the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) has not only sought additional clarifications and details of the project but has also pointed out that the proposed development is amidst the fragile ecosystem of the Western Ghats. In a letter dated April 22, 2022, it has sought to know whether any environmental study has been conducted about the impact, and any precautionary measures have been incorporated in the proposed activities.

The MoEF&CC also referred to a set of objections filed by Living Earth Foundation (LEAF), a Bengaluru-based environmental research and advocacy organisation, and sought comments on its representation.

The Karnataka Government had sought to demolish the existing PWD guest house to make way for a five-star hotel. The MoEF&CC has sought to know whether any approval was taken under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for construction of the existing structure on forest land.

A file photo of Jog Falls. Living Earth Foundation has said that the project has been split into smaller components to portray minimal impact in a bid to secure clearances.

Other projects

The LEAF had written to the REC that forest clearance sought was for a 5-star hotel, but the project was not a mere standalone hotel. It entails development of Jog Falls as a tourist destination by constructing retail outlets, view decks, central island and landscape work, a ropeway, a grand entrance, and a dedicated transit hub.

LEAF said each component of the project is dependent on another to fulfil the larger objective of making Jog Falls a destination for all seasons. However, for the purpose of obtaining forest and environmental clearance, the project plan has been broken into several components, and statutory clearances have been sought in a piecemeal manner in a deliberate attempt to portray minimal impact by each component of the project plan.

All the components of the project involve significant amount of construction on forest land within the eco-sensitive zone of the newly expanded Sharavati Valley Lion Tailed Macaque Sanctuary.

The LEAF also expressed concern that the Jog Development Project *prima facie* appears to be an area and township development project, and stated that the individual components of the project are being pursued as standalone works for the purpose of securing statutory clearances under the law.

Stress on environment

LEAF also stated that the increase in footfall to the area throws up additional challenges such as water consumption, increase in wet and dry waste, additional vehicular traffic and emission, lighting in the forest area due to vehicles, and no study had been conducted on their impact on wildlife.

Delegation from Italy meets

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Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at a meeting with Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs Luigi Di Maio in Bengaluru on Thursday. • SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

A delegation led by Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs Luigi Di Maio met Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai in Bengaluru on Thursday and showed interest in the granites, marbles, and tiles sector in the State, where latest machines from Italy are used.

Mr. Bommai recalled the long association between India and Italy, and said there was ample scope for further expansion of business and strengthening of ties. "India and Italy have had a strong cultural and business relationship for a long time. We will extend full cooperation to strengthen the ties between Italy and Karnataka," he said.

Mr. Maio said Italy was keen to have good relations with Karnataka and invited Mr. Bommai to visit the country.

Janata Jaladhaare to culminate on May 13

Convention to be held near Nelamangala

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
BENGALURU

The Janata Dal (Secular), which has been organising the Janata Jaladhaare campaign to highlight the water issues across the State, will organise a massive convention near Bengaluru to mark the culmination of the campaign on May 13. A Ganga Aarti will be performed on the occasion.

The party's core committee, which met on Thursday, worked out modalities to organise the culmination of the campaign that has been launched ahead of the Assembly elections in 2023. The 15 'Ganga Rathas' have covered 184 Assembly constituencies so far. The campaign was launched on April 16.

"We are expecting about five lakh people to participate in the convention to be held near Nelamangala, near Bengaluru. A puja will be held for a big *kalasha* containing water from all the major rivers in the State," chairman of the Core Committee Bandeppa Kashempur told reporters here after the meeting.

Ganga Aarti

He said pandits from Varanasi would be invited to perform the Ganga Aarti in a traditional way.

Among those present in the meeting were party supremo and former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda and the former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy.

Kavalande video: FIR registered

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MYSURU

The Nanjangud Rural police have registered an FIR against unknown persons even as they begin investigation to trace the origins of a video purportedly describing Kavalande village as "Chota Pakistan".

The video which surfaced on Thursday has gone viral on social media and shows a large group of Muslims on the road side standing or walking after offering Id prayers. But the person recording the video is heard exulting "Kavalande bola tho Chota Pakistan" while a section of the crowd is seen raising slogans in the initial part of the clip. Kavalande is in Nanjangud taluk of Mysuru district.

Superintendent of Police Chetan said the investigation would focus on verifying the authenticity of the video, identifying who recorded it and why he described Kavalande as a mini-Pakistan.

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IN BRIEF

TRS is the most corrupt government: Nadda

HYDERABAD

The TRS government is the "most corrupt government" with the Kaleshwaram lift irrigation project becoming an 'ATM' and a 'milch cow' where the cost escalated up to ₹1.2 lakh crore but "not even an inch of water reached the farms", alleged BJP national president J.P. Nadda while addressing a meeting in Hyderabad on Thursday.

Tirumala's Srivari Mettu footpath reopened

TIRUMALA

The Srivari Mettu footpath leading to the hill temple at Tirumala has been reopened for public use. The pathway route was badly damaged last year following torrential rains that resulted in the displacement of heavy boulders and extensive damage to culverts.

Wife's kin held for murder of man after inter-faith marriage

25-year-old was stabbed to death in Hyderabad

STAFF REPORTER
HYDERABAD

The Saroornagar police in Telangana on Thursday announced the arrest of two persons in connection with the murder of a 25-year-old car sales executive who had recently married a woman belonging to another faith. He was allegedly murdered by his wife's brother and a relative on the busy road at Saroornagar, a suburb of Hyderabad on Wednesday night.

The accused are Syed Mobin Ahmed, 30, and his relative Mohammed Masood Ahmed, 29. Deputy Commissioner of Police Sunpreet Singh said Mobin Ahmed bore a grudge against the victim, Dillipuram Nagaraju, as he married his sister Ashrin Sulthana at Arya Samaj, Lal Darwaza, on January 31 against their wishes.

Dillipuram Nagaraju and Ashrin Sulthana.

Fearing threat from the woman's family, the couple moved to Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh for a brief period and returned recently.

Ms. Sulthana told the media that her family declined their proposal despite repeatedly expressing their intention to marry as they belong to different faiths. "He was even willing to convert to Islam, but my family never accepted the relationship," she said.

Around 9 p.m. on Wednesday when the couple was travelling on their two-wheeler, the accused followed and intercepted them. They hit the victim with an iron rod on his head and later attacked him with a knife in full public view. When the onlookers attempted to stop them, the duo threatened them. "He was stabbed to death," police said.

A video of Ms. Sulthana pleading with her brother not to harm her husband has gone viral.

Mr. Singh said Nagaraju and Ms. Sulthana were friends since their school days and went to the same college. On January 30, she left her home and on February 1, Sultana's family lodged a missing complaint at Balanagar police station. Since then Mobin, along with Masood Ahmed, hatched a conspiracy to eliminate Nagaraju. On Wednesday the accused followed Nagaraju, killed him and fled from the spot, Mr. Singh said.

On Thursday evening, IT and Industries Minister K.T. Rama Rao condemned the incident and tweeted: "Please make sure they are given the harshest of punishments possible as per IPC @mahmoodalitrs Ji and @TelanganaDGP garu. Thanks to @RachakondaCop for your swift action."

Telangana BJP leaders and human rights activists staged a dharna and demanded justice for the victim.

NIA takes over probe against 5 in UAPA case

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has taken over the probe in a case earlier registered against five persons by the Tamil Nadu police, alleging that they planned to float anti-national organisations and had associated themselves with the terror outfit, Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (IS).

The accused have been identified as Sathik Batcha, Mohamed Ashiq, Jagabar Ali and Rahmath from Tamil Nadu and Mohamed Irfhan from Puducherry.

The police had registered the case in February and arrested all the five for their alleged involvement in various offences under the IPC and the Arms Act. They later invoked provisions of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) in the case.

The Union government referred it to the NIA based on information that "Sathik Batcha, also known as 'Icama Saddiq', has been indulging in various anti-national activities and is a member of 'Manitha Neethi Pasaral', now re-designated as Popular Front of India and also a covert sympathiser of IS ideology".

According to the FIR, the five persons associated themselves with the IS with the intention of furthering its activities in India. "The accused intended to the [se]cession of a part of the territory of India and intended to disrupt the sovereignty and territorial integrity of India by forming an (sic) anti-national organisation[s] namely 'Khilafah Party of India', 'Khilafa Front of India' and 'Intellectual Students of India' and 'Student Party of India' etc...," it said.

WEATHER WATCH

RAINFALL, TEMPERATURE & AIR QUALITY IN SELECT METROS YESTERDAY

TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 16.00 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Heavy to very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Andaman & Nicobar Islands. Thunderstorm with lightning/gusty winds likely at isolated places over Ladakh, Uttar Pradesh, Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sikkim, Gangetic West Bengal, Odisha, Telangana, coastal Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala and Mahe

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	10	33.9	24.2	Kozhikode	–	34.1	26.2
Ahmedabad	–	41.6	27.6	Kurnool	–	41.9	29.2
Aizawl	1	25.2	18.1	Lucknow	15	35.5	20.2
Allahabad	–	39.7	24.5	Madurai	–	38.8	25.3
Bengaluru	4.2	31.2	21.6	Mangaluru	–	32.8	24.6
Bhopal	–	40.9	26.4	Mumbai	–	34.4	26.5
Bhubaneswar	0.1	36.2	27.4	Mysuru	8	33.2	20.2
Chandigarh	8	37.4	20.6	New Delhi	1.5	37.0	22.4
Chennai	–	36.1	27.6	Patna	–	32.2	25.2
Coimbatore	2	32.8	21.6	Port Blair	6	29.1	25.1
Dehradun	4	35.0	18.4	Puducherry	–	35.4	26.2
Gangtok	–	19.1	13.0	Pune	–	40.0	23.6
Goa	–	34.6	27.1	Raipur	–	41.4	28.4
Guwahati	–	33.9	21.8	Ranchi	–	36.2	22.3
Hubballi	–	36.0	23.0	Shillong	9	22.1	13.5
Hyderabad	3	37.6	24.0	Shimla	3	27.6	14.4
Imphal	2	28.2	18.2	Srinagar	–	22.5	11.1
Jaipur	–	40.0	25.3	Thiruvananthapuram	–	34.4	26.6
Kochi	–	32.6	26.4	Tiruchi	17	36.7	23.0
Kohima	2	24.8	12.0	Vijayawada	–	39.8	28.0
Kolkata	–	35.0	26.6	Visakhapatnam	13	35.8	28.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing — **Yesterday**

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	11	12	..	277	162	
Bengaluru	6	18	42	76	91	
Chennai	16	19	70	58	68	
Delhi	34	6	35	–	366	
Hyderabad	5	26	49	109	121	
Kolkata	21	19	27	58	99	
Lucknow	8	65	52	188	156	
Mumbai	7	1	16	–	309	
Pune	13	36	117	161	106	
Visakhapatnam	–	44	16	58	105	

In observations made at 4.00 p.m., Mandi Gobindgarh, Punjab recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 234 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Nandesari, Gujarat recorded a healthy AQI score of 25

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Kerala filmmaker Sasidharan arrested for stalking actor

Case for harassment both physically and over social media

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

The Kochi City police arrested filmmaker Sanal Kumar Sasidharan on Thursday on a petition for stalking filed by a popular Malayalam actor.

He was picked up from Parassala in the morning and the arrest was recorded after he was brought to Elamakkara police station around 9.30 p.m. following his medical check up. The police had registered a case on a petition by the actor.

"We have registered a case for stalking and harassment both physically and over social media by invoking IPC Section 354D (any man who follows a woman and contacts, or attempts to contact such woman to foster personal interaction repeatedly despite a clear indication of disinterest by such woman)," said a senior official with the city police.

While the charge is bailable, the decision to grant him bail will be taken based on investigation, police sources said.

High drama ensued while taking him into custody after Mr. Sasidharan resisted a police team from the Elamakkara station and went on Facebook live questioning their credentials and expressing fear for his life.

Later, personnel from the Parassala station came and confirmed the credentials of the police before he was taken away.

According to sources, the petition said he had been stalking and proposing the actor over social media and phone since August 2019.

Consistent harassment on turning down his advances prompted the actor to lodge a complaint.

LDF fields cardiologist for Thrikkakara bypoll

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOCHI

The Left Democratic Front (LDF) sprang a surprise on Thursday by fielding interventional cardiologist Jo Joseph as its candidate for the Thrikkakara Assembly bypoll.

Dr. Joseph is a popular cardiologist at a private hospital here and is active in social service too. Dr. Joseph enjoyed massive popular support, said LDF convener E.P. Jayarajan while announcing the candidature.

Interestingly, the LDF had unsuccessfully fielded J. Jacob, an orthopaedic surgeon, as its candidate in the Assembly polls last time. Dr. Jacob could not stop Congress leader P.T. Thomas from scripting his second straight win in the constituency. The bypoll was warranted following the death of Thomas. The UDF has fielded Uma Thomas, the wife of the late legislator, as its candidate.

Jo Joseph

Don't give Jagan a second chance: Naidu

'Welfare schemes of the YSRCP govt. are old wine in new bottle'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
VISAKHAPATNAM

Claiming that none in Andhra Pradesh is happy during the tenure of YSR Congress Party's (YSRCP) tenure, Telugu Desam Party (TDP) national president N. Chandrababu Naidu has said that people must not give a 'second chance' to Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy.

"Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy had sought one chance and you (people) have seen the results– spiralling prices of essential commodities, hike in taxes, the rise in the incidents of land grabbing and crimes against women. You should ensure that this is his last chance," Mr. Naidu said while addressing a public meeting at Thallavalasa in Bheemunipatnam constituency on Thursday evening.

Buoyed by the response from the people, Mr. Naidu dismissed the welfare schemes introduced by the YSRCP government as 'old wine in a new bottle'.

"The TDP had implemented several welfare schemes such as Panduga Kanuka, Pelli Kanuka, Pasupu Kumkuma, apart from providing funds to eligible beneficiary for foreign education. Anna Canteens served food at subsidised price to the poor. This government is giving with one hand and taking it away with the other," said the former Chief Minister.

On the claim of the YSRCP government of providing employment, he said while it gave volunteers jobs at ₹5,000 a month, the TDP had given IT jobs by training students through engineering colleges.

Regatta time

Rhythmic rowing: As part of the curtain raiser of Champions Boat League, a snake boat race was held on the Kochi backwaters. It was hosted in connection with the Kerala Travel Mart opened by Governor Arif Mohammed Khan on Thursday. • THULASI KAKKAT

Bill to empower T.N. govt. to appoint law varsity VC

It cites similar norms in other States

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

The Tamil Nadu government on Thursday introduced a Bill in the Assembly seeking to empower itself to appoint the Vice-Chancellor of the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University.

The Bill, tabled by Law Minister S. Regupathy, cited the Gujarat University Act, 1949, and the Telangana (Andhra Pradesh) Universities Act, 1991, which have empowered the respective State governments to appoint the VCs. It also cited the Karnataka State Universities Act, 2000, according to which the VC shall be appointed by the Chancellor with the concurrence of the State government.

"The State Development Policy Council [renamed as the State Planning Commission] has also recommended that necessary amendments be made to the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University Act, 1996, to ensure the role of the government in the appointment of the Vice-Chancellor," the Bill read.

The move follows two recent Bills that sought to empower the Tamil Nadu government to appoint the VCs to 13 State universities, instead of the Governor.

At present, the Governor, who is also the Chancellor of the State universities, makes the appointment of Vice-Chancellors from a panel of three names recommended by a selection committee.

While the 13 State universities for which two Bills were adopted earlier are under the aegis of the Higher Education Department, the Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University is under the Law Department.

From greenbacks to green fields

Telangana software professional takes to farming in Virginia, U.S.

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HYDERABAD

Greenbacks are a bigger draw for Indians in the U.S. but through the green fields of Virginia, a Telangana woman is ploughing a new path in farming, inspiring the NRIs.

For many, an agriculture field might be just dirt but for Vaishali, it is a passion that she unknowingly picked up watching her father back in India. "Roots will always haunt you," she told *The Hindu*.

For the software professional settled in Ashburn, Virginia, farming soothes the soul and eases the stress of an urban life. She started with growing vegetables in the backyard and that ignited the idea of serious farming that she experienced as a kid in her village, Mothkur in the combined Nalgonda district.

Vaishali manages agricultural land that she leased from an American farmer.

Back home women play a huge role in farming but educated Indian women moving abroad taking up farming is a bit of blasphemy. How did she manage to come out of that mindset? "Scent of the fresh mud can never leave a farmer's kid. I believe it is in your genes. And it's kind of a tribute to my father who lived on farming and raised his kids on it," said the M.Sc graduate from the Osmania University.

Sprouting Roots

Vaishali now manages one-and-a-half acres that she leased from an American farmer where she grows Indian vegetables. Vaishali has named her farm as 'Sprouting Roots'.

She recently introduced the cultivation of local vegetables and the local farmers' markets have given her the space to sell the produce.

The growing season ends in September/October when it gets cold but the warmth of the Indian community that visits her farm to buy the fresh vegetables ensures she goes on as she juggles between the computer and cultivation. Her husband Sridhar Mogulla lends the helping hand.

The inspirational work has also caught the attention of the Loudon County Department of Economic Development, which works to promote agriculture among the kids. She is the only Indian among the 10 farmers nominated by the County this year. Her recognition also got accolades for her daughter in her school.

Ginger price leaves farmers in distress

Overproduction and diseases affecting crop lead to low demand, price fall

E.M. MANOJ
KALPETTA

Ginger farmers in Kerala and Karnataka usually prefer to harvest ginger rhizomes by the first week of April as they get the maximum price for their produce at that time. But more than 60% of the farmers, especially those cultivating ginger rhizomes in Karnataka, are yet to harvest their crop owing to the sharp fall in the price of the produce.

The farm gate price of the produce in Wayanad on Thursday was ₹1,000 to ₹1,100 a bag (60 kg) as against ₹2,300 a bag during the corresponding period last year. The price had gone up to ₹8,000 a bag a few years ago, which prompted many farmers to take up ginger cultivation.

Worried lot: Workers filling ginger rhizomes in gunny bags after harvest at Meenangadi in Wayanad district. • E.M. MANOJ

Overproduction and diseases affecting the crop – especially bacterial wilt disease affecting matured rhizomes – are the major reasons for the low price of the produce, Arun Anto, a ginger trader, said. Moreover, there have been no demand for the produce from northern India after the outbreak of the pandemic, he added.

"The area under ginger cultivation had increased nearly threefold this season owing to the anticipation of farmers that price might increase this year. The expansion of ginger cultivation areas in other States like Maharashtra and Jharkhand also caused the oversupply of the produce," he said.

"An average yield of ginger from an acre is 18 to 20 tonnes. But it declined to 10 to 12 tonnes this season owing to fungal diseases in many parts of Karnataka," P.V. Eliyas, a farmer, said.

"We were getting an average price of ₹3,000 to ₹5,000 a bag. But the price we got since last September was ₹850 a bag," Navrang Mohanan, general secretary, Kerala Ginger Growers' Association, (KGGA), told *The Hindu*.

Watch the gap

Widening trade deficit puts more pressure on the rupee and spurs growth-retarding inflation

Official data on India's merchandise trade for April give reason for cheer at first glance. Emerging from a record export performance during the just-concluded financial year, outward shipments for the month rose 24.2% from a year earlier, with electronics and chemicals showing healthy expansion, while petroleum products more than doubled. However, imports continued to outpace exports, growing by 26.6% to broaden the goods trade deficit, which widened to $20.07 billion from $18.5 billion in March. The trade deficit – the extent to which the import bill exceeds export receipts – worryingly breached $200 billion for a rolling 12-month period for the first time in April, impacted predominantly by petroleum imports of $172 billion. Global crude oil prices have surged by more than 40% in 2022 in the wake of Russia's war on Ukraine, swelling the import bill. The early onset of the Indian summer, with a heatwave, has bolstered power demand, setting the pace for coal imports, which grew 136% last month, notwithstanding record output by key domestic supplier Coal India. For the first time ever, the Ministry of Power has set timelines for States to import coal over the next few months, a far cry from the 16% year-on-year decline in imports of the fuel in the April 2021-January 2022 period and a clear portent that the bill for overseas purchases of coal is also set to swell.

Monitoring the trade deficit is crucial as this has a direct bearing on the current account deficit (CAD). Disconcertingly, foreign direct investment, which typically helps bridge the CAD, has seen a moderation. And, the wider the CAD, the greater the downward pressure on the rupee, which has already weakened considerably since the conflict in eastern Europe began in February. A weaker rupee, in turn, makes imports costlier, potentially widening the trade deficit, and thus triggering a vicious cycle. The RBI has sought to steady the rupee against wild swings, evident in the dip in foreign exchange reserves to $600.4 billion (April 22), from $640 billion just six months earlier. But a central bank can draw on the reserves to ease any rupee weakening only to a limited extent. The RBI also has its hands full with the battle against imported inflation as global commodity prices remain sharply elevated. To help avoid added stress, the Government must consider additional incentives for exports, while encouraging local production of items that strain the import bill. The coal crisis could have been averted with better advance estimates of power demand as the country emerged from the worst of the pandemic, and optimal allocation of coal-carrying rail wagons. Policymakers can ill afford to let their guard down on trade imbalances and risk growth-retarding inflation and more pressure on the rupee.

Standing on ceremony

An overemphasis on a ritualistic oath does not aid quality medical education

Observance of rituals largely serves a symbolic function; they are infused with meaning that gives a semblance of human-made order to the vagaries of nature. But pushing the meaning beyond the symbolism is fraught with danger. Standing on ceremony, particularly, does not quite fit in with the roles and the responsibilities of a medical professional, and the Charak Shapath row in Tamil Nadu, in which a top official of a government medical college was put on a waitlist, has clearly dragged one ceremony beyond its original intent and purpose. While things came to a head with the suspension of the dean of Madurai Government Medical College, the controversy has been brewing since February, when the minutes of the National Medical Commission's (NMC) discussions with medical colleges were leaked. One of the points read: "No Hippocratic Oath. During white coat ceremony, the oath will be Maharishi Charak Shapath." The Charak oath appears as part of Charaka Samhita, an ancient text on Ayurveda, and seeks to, much like the Hippocratic Oath, lay down the ground rules for the practice of medicine for a student. While it emphasises compassion, and the scientific and ethical practice of medicine, it also highlights certain values embedded in the cultural and social ethos of the time of Charaka, and seen today as retrograde. References to caste, old-style subjugation of student to a guru, and gender bias have been flagged since. Though it was later clarified that the oath was not compulsory, there were valid concerns about projecting it as a substitute for the Hippocratic Oath.

In the English version that was read out at Madurai Medical College, there were two references that are repugnant – 'Submitting myself to my Guru (teachers) with complete dedicated feeling,' and 'I, (especially a male doctor) shall treat a woman only in the presence of her husband or a near relative'. The rest of the oath stresses, in simple language, the very principles of the Hippocratic Oath, including serving the sick, a pleasant bedside manner, and not being corrupt. Subsequent investigations have revealed that the dean was not even part of the decision to substitute the Charak Shapath for the Hippocratic Oath (the Students' Council claimed responsibility), and he has since been reinstated. But launching severe action for what might have been just procedurally deviant, rather than a crime or violation of ethics, seems a knee-jerk reaction, or worse, the pursuit of a political agenda. The focus should rather be on ensuring quality medical education, inculcating in students a scientific temper, and a sense of service to patients. While Tamil Nadu has often rightly argued for States' autonomy in a federal structure, this act adds little heft to that critical issue. For the NMC, even more so, the stress should not be on the bells and whistles, but rather on the quality of education.

The school dress is in the cross hairs

The uniform has been transformed into a new political tool and as a means to curtailing the autonomy of educationists

KRISHNA KUMAR

Nowhere in the long history of education can you find evidence to say that a school uniform is a factor in learning. Yet, a lot of people today cannot imagine a school without a uniform. When they think about a school, including their own, they think about the uniform that makes its children distinct from the children of other schools. Especially on festive occasions when grand events bring all the schools of a city together, people find something deeply edifying in the spectacle of children marching or displaying their smartness wearing a distinct uniform. The public fascination with such spectacles, and the history of the school uniform, point to the single most important role that a school uniform plays: it helps in the regimentation of the young. Uniformly dressed children constitute one of the two archetypal metaphors of schooling. One is that of a garden where different flowers bloom; the other is of an army of little soldiers marching together.

A history, social impact

If you divide the world into countries that have a compulsory uniform in their schools and countries that do not, the history starts to reveal itself. Systems of education that evolved under colonial rulers of different types generally favour strict enforcement of the school uniform. That includes us.

If you strain popular memories and scan old photographs, you will find that the idea of a school uniform has spread with urbanisation, prosperity and privatisation. Rural and small town schools seldom insisted on a daily uniform in the early years of Independence. It was required on certain days of the week and on special days. Gradually, when different types of private schools started, they demanded every day wearing of the prescribed uniform. Supply of uniforms for children of different schools offered business opportunities for local cloth merchants, tailors and shoe stores. Instead of offering competitive pricing, the uniform business encouraged local monopolies. In many cases, the schools assented to participate and asked parents to patronise a particular source.

Command-based system

This short, and obviously generalised social history has little apparent relevance to the situation in Karnataka. Nicely hemmed in between the order of the Directorate and the court, a complete uniform code has evolved within a few weeks. Its regime now encompasses the classroom as well as the examination hall. And although Kendriya Vidyalayas (central schools) are not governed by any provincial government, the ones located in Karnataka have fallen in line. Their stance is not difficult to appreciate under the circumstances.

Thus, one of India's most literate and prosperous States, globally famous for its advancements in the so-called knowledge economy, has emerged as the crucible of educational orthodoxy and control. The school uniform has mutated into a new political tool, and as a means of curtailing the already limited autonomy of principals and teachers. To what extent the politics of the school dress will influence electoral outcomes will become a subject fit for research in the social sciences. Systematic study of the school dress, its history and fascination, was long overdue.

It is interesting that the uniform

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controversy erupted in the secondary education system of a State that bypassed major policy reforms of the 1960s. Pre-university or junior colleges are left in only a small number of States now. Elsewhere in the country, the 10+2 model recommended by the Kothari Commission nearly 60 years ago prevails. It led to a significant reorganisation of the administrative system in education. Its full potential would have been realised had school principals and teachers been given a greater say and freedom in establishing the norms that govern institutional life.

Another gain would have been a participatory role for the community in matters of day-to-day life at school. Had the vision of the Kothari report – sculpted by its Member-Secretary, J.P. Naik – been realised in its entirety, bureaucratic authority would have declined, creating greater room for school autonomy. A different kind of politics might have emerged, with the school as its intellectual resource. Karnataka might have been a highly fertile social ground for such alternative democratic polity because of its own history and propulsion towards decentralised governance.

History took a different direction. The picture of a teacher or principal of a junior college in Karnataka stopping a student from entering the examination hall on account of a dress item will serve as a symbol of unkindness for many years to come. Hopefully, her predicament will also become a subject of discussion in teacher education colleges. The question it will raise is: 'Did she voluntarily agree to be so unkind to a student in order to be compliant to orders?' An administrative query might also be worth pursuing: 'Did the Directorate's order on the specified uniform extend to the examination hall?' Notionally it did, but then it stretched the normal role of a school uniform – to provide a collective institutional identity. If that identity covers the examination hall, why do students need a hall ticket, establishing their individual identity? Let us hope the legal argument on this issue will go into these uncharted layers of the lives of learners and examinees.

Key distinction

Even at this juncture, it is worth recalling a key distinction. A uniform is different from a dress code. A uniform is more prescriptive than a dress code. The latter may expect children and their parents to avoid using clothes flaunting status or wealth. A uniform, on the other hand, may well go as far as prescribing not just the colour but also the material and the design or cut. In older times, it was considered sufficient to recommend a dress code; nowadays even a fully defined uniform does not seem to suffice. The social ethos promotes conspicuous consumption (a phrase used by the economist, Veblen), and banquet halls serve this aim as efficiently as schools. Uniforms do help to maintain a veneer of equality in a society where inequality is pervasive.

Education, however, is supposed to promote equal opportunities for all strata and sections of society in more substantial ways. One important contribution that education can make in this direction is to widen the scope of public debates, enabling the participation of all concerned, especially teachers. They are in far closer touch with students from different backgrounds and, therefore, will be more sensitive to what makes classroom life more comfortable for all.

No modern philosopher has explained the problems that underlie this state of collective existence better than Sri Aurobindo. In *The Ideal of Human Unity*, he draws upon diversity in nature to explain why uniformity tempts us, but does not contribute to a sense of relatedness or unity. He extends his analysis to all aspects of social, cultural and political life, including international relations. In our present context, the issue underlying the turmoil in Karnataka has to do with the role of education and the manner in which it functions as a system. As the term 'uniform' suggests, a common dress conveys that all differences have been overcome.

Had that been the case in Karnataka, the Directorate would not have to exert its pressure to seek compliance. The expectations this resilient institution forged under colonial rule harbours in its bureaucratic heart are best illustrated by a story J.P. Naik told me. The Kothari Commission had suggested ways to make classroom teaching less stereotyped, and more lively and child-centred. Soon after the Commission's report received official approval, the Directorate in Maharashtra fired off a D.O. (i.e. demi-official) order to all schools that, as per the desire of the competent authority, henceforth, all teaching must be child-centred!

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A leaked draft, termination rights and the politics

The U.S. Supreme Court's 'decision' might have fired up the political scene, but the health statistics must not be ignored

SRIDHAR KRISHNASWAMI

It was something that literally no one expected, and from the portals of the Supreme Court of the United States – a leaked draft of the court's decision on abortion law indicating that a majority of the Justices might have just about agreed to overturn the 1973 landmark *Roe vs Wade* that legalised abortion in America. When Politico got its hands on the 98-page draft, and other media organisations jumped on the bandwagon, all hell broke loose, and expectedly so. In an already divisive country, nothing rankles the partisans more than the sensitive subject of abortion.

Some have likened the leaked document as being the equivalent of the *Pentagon Papers* that surfaced during the Nixon era. In a country where leaks are not out of the ordinary, these have been mostly confined to the White House and the vast bureaucracies, but not from the sacred hallways of the Supreme Court. In fact, one argument has been that even in the heightened political environment of 2000, when the election of a President (George W. Bush/Al Gore) was being decided , there was not even a whisper about which way the Justices were leaning.

Reactions

But not so this time around. Within a short period of time, the accusations have begun, with the needle of suspicion pointing to the Liberal Justices in the apex court, their clerks and allies, with the intention of alerting the nation about what was in store. According to the story, the first draft had the consent of five Conservative Justices with the Chief Justice, John Roberts, yet to weigh in. "The left continues its assault on the Supreme Court with an unprecedented breach of confidentiality, clearly meant to intimidate. The Justices mustn't give in to this attempt to corrupt the process. Stay strong", tweeted Republican Senator from Missouri, Josh Hawley.

Top Democrats were quick on the draw as well. In a statement, Senate Majority leader Charles Schumer and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi, said, "If the report is accurate, the Supreme Court is poised to inflict that greatest restriction of rights in the past 50 years – not just on women but on all Americans. The Republican-appointed

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justices' reported votes to overturn *Roe v Wade* would go down as an abomination, one of the worst and most damaging decisions in modern history."

Out of the nine Justices, six have been appointed by Republican Presidents. Politico has stated that the so-called first draft was supposedly prepared by Justice Samuel Alito with the sole intention of overturning the Court's ruling on Roe vs Wade and a 1992 decision in *Planned Parenthood vs Casey*. In the "Opinion of the Court", Justice Alito is said to have written that "*Roe* was egregiously wrong from the start" and that it must be overruled. "It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people's representatives", he is said to have added.

Chief Justice Roberts would want a full-scale investigation into the leak which would most certainly involve the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); and there is an element of uncertainty as to whether the top court will stay on schedule for a decision in June/July. The argument that the first draft need not necessarily be the final word on the subject has had few takers, with both supporters and opponents in a no-holds barred slanging match, with at least one conservative commentator describing the leak as amounting to an "insurrection" against the top court.

The political angle

There is, undoubtedly, a political angle to this, especially in the run-up to the mid-term elections of November 8 which is about six months away. More immediately, the leak will be seen as having an impact on the primaries that are scheduled in the next few weeks. In a national poll by Marquette Law School in January 2022, 72% were opposed to overturning *Roe vs Wade* as opposed to only 28% who were in favour. And Democratic lawmakers have once again come together to call for codifying *Roe vs Wade* into law – a task that is easier said than done given that the Democrats do not have 60 votes in the Senate and dissension within their ranks on getting rid of filibuster as a procedural tool.

"... the repercussions will be significant," argued Aditi Vaidya of the Center for Health Systems and Policy in the School of Medicine of Tufts University this February. "The removal of the constitutional right to abortion will be felt most among low income people, people of color and rural communities across the country. As history so clearly tells us, banning abortion does not stop them from occurring, it pushes them underground, limiting access to safe abortions," she added, pointing to dangerous methods, unqualified persons in procedures and online pharmacies peddling abortion pills.

Some data

Even as the heated debate has just started and is one that will intensify in the weeks ahead, statistics speak of about 6,30,000 reported abortions in the United States in 2019, down 18% from 2010; 57% of the women were in their twenties; African-American women had the highest rate of abortions, of 27 per 1,000 women aged between 15 years and 44 years. These are telling statistics that the Republicans and the Democrats need to keep in mind as they wrestle for political points.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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With purpose

Given its favourable demography and vast talent pool, India will be in a win-win proposition if it enters into collaborative activities with countries that have a good research and development track record. Thus, it is heartening to have the Prime Minister holding a series of bilateral meetings with his counterparts from an array of developed countries – Norway, Sweden, Iceland, and Finland – for furthering cooperation in sectors including clean energy and health care (Inside pages, "Modi holds bilateral talks with Nordic leaders", May 5). It is prudent on the part of the leaders to address, through cooperation and collaboration, the twin challenges facing the global community in this century – climate change and health-care crisis. What is more important is that the talks have not been hijacked by the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Successful outcomes will not only be beneficial to the countries concerned but also for humanity itself.

A.VENKATASUBRAMANIAN,
Tiruchi, Tamil Nadu

Stop the hate

Recent instances of communal disturbances in the country are worrying moments for peace-loving people. Vested interests, in politics and institutionalised religious bodies, are only trying to divide our society further. All well-meaning voices and civil society should rise against the agenda of communal hate, especially on social media.
Strong and sane voices need to be heard. The police should be given a free hand to act against such elements without caring for political compulsions. India needs to be kept united and there needs to be harmony.

BRIJ BHUSHAN GOYAL,
Ludhiana, Punjab

Food safety

Food poisoning cases – the recent example of the case of *Shigella sonnie* bacteria in Kerala having affected people in Kasargod district being a case in point – are bound to increase with people venturing out. Most of the investigation stops with symptomatic treatment. However, in this case, the etiological agent has been identified as a bacterial pathogen associated with dysentery and toxaemia. Drinking water is also a source for pathogens. Hard boiling will eliminate pathogens. Food handlers in community kitchens have to be trained in hygienic practices such as wearing masks, a head net, and using disposable gloves. They must also be periodically screened for carrier status. A classic example in epidemiology is Typhoid Mary, who was seen spreading typhoid bacilli wherever she handled food as she was a carrier.

Dr. V. PURUSHOTHAMAN,
Chennai

The Congress's woes

With election strategist Prashant Kishor having walked out of protracted deliberations with the Congress, the party is back to square one. It is strange that Rahul Gandhi, without holding any post, is the final arbiter within the party. Meanwhile the party seems to be haunted by problems, if statements being made by the likes of Hardik Patel are an indication. The less said about matters in Punjab the better. The unending feud in Rajasthan is only weakening the party further. Amid these crises, Rahul Gandhi's frequent 'foreign trips', the latest being Kathmandu, only reinforce the widely held perception of his being a non-serious politician. The Gandhi family needs to step back or else the party with a glorious past is doomed.

S.K. CHOUDHURY,
Bengaluru

Forest magic

The front-page photograph, of several lakhs of fireflies illuminating the forests in the famed Anamalai Tiger Reserve near Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, was an absolute visual delight ("Chasing light", Page 1 and Inside pages, May 5). This "cold light" has its set of mysteries – how fireflies manage such a high flash-light rate is one instance.

R. SIVAKUMAR,
Chennai

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In the front-page story headlined "President has no role to play in Perarivalan's plea, says Supreme Court" (May 5, 2022), a quote attributed to Justice B.R. Gavai read: "The Governor decided to send the file to the President on ... It is *May 5*, 2022 today..." It should have been *May 4*, 2022.

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Is it possible to separate sports and politics?

PARLEY

They have always mixed — the crucial thing is to not allow sport and sportspersons to be used as pawns

A fortnight ago, Wimbledon decided to deny entries to players from Russia and Belarus for the 2022 edition of the tournament. Coming as it did against the backdrop of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, Wimbledon said it was to thwart any attempt from the Russian regime to "derive any benefits from the involvement of Russian or Belarusian players with The Championships". Many other sports, such as football, track and field, and Formula One, have also imposed sanctions of varying degrees. This has resurrected the debate on the influence of politics on sport. In a discussion moderated by **N. Sudarshan**, *Sharda Ugra and Zeeshan Ali discuss the various facets of the same. Edited excerpts:*

Sharda Ugra
is a sports journalist with more than three decades' experience across newsrooms at The Hindu, Mid-Day, India Today and ESPNcricinfo

Zeeshan Ali,
a former tennis player and Olympian, is currently India's Davis Cup coach and also the head of the National Tennis Centre in New Delhi

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Is it possible to separate sports and politics? Can sports exist in a vacuum?

Sharda Ugra: Everyone always says, 'Let's try and separate sports from politics.' But sport takes place within society, it is a product of society, and society is constantly being impacted by politics. So, it's very hard to separate them. Given the history of political involvement in sport, because sport is seen as an agent of soft power, we will always end up in a situation like where we are today. In the highly professionalised world of elite sport, it gets even more complicated. We want to exist in an almost utopian sphere and go back to an amateur era. But you know, even that was not very utopian in the first place.

Zeeshan Ali: I totally agree with Sharda. Sports and politics have always mixed. In 1974, India was to play the Davis Cup final against South Africa but we had to give a walkover because of the apartheid issue. In 1988, we were drawn to play Israel (in the World Group relegation play-offs) and we had to give a walkover again. Unfortunately, sports and arts do get affected [by politics] and when a government is involved in taking certain decisions, it's very difficult for an individual to go against it.

Is there room for the 'right kind of politics'? Is a morally upright stance like the one during apartheid possible in the present-day world of competing interests?

SU: Politics was made to play a part in sport and outside of sport to try and push the apartheid regime to change its stance. You will look at that and say, 'That was a good thing.' But people of my generation remember what it was like for countries like India and other non-white nations to stand up against this huge, almost monolith West which seemed to think it was okay to go and play in South Africa. Countries fought very hard against the Western world to say that South Africa's policies were extremely flawed and had to be fixed. Sport was used as one measure to push through that message. We also see how sport has been used politically to send out a message, like Nazi Germany did in 1936 (the Berlin Games were a show of Nazi propaganda). The South African example is perhaps the only one I can think of that ended in the right way.

How should sports bodies respond when there are conflicting and ethical arguments on both sides?

ZA: What is right for one country does not necessarily mean it is right for the other. In the case of South Africa, the whole world was getting together for a reason, a humanitarian one. What's happening right now is completely different. A superpower is taking over another country, and sports is becoming part of the politics. I was part of the team in 1988 when we had to give a walkover to Israel. After having reached the final of the Davis Cup the previous year, it was a huge shock to us. But that was the stance the Indian government took and we were just small players. Frankly speaking, sportspeople don't really have much of a say. It's sad for somebody like Daniil Medvedev to not be allowed to play certain tournaments. If a government decides that certain players or certain countries should not be playing, that is political and it is unfortunate that sportspeople get affected by it.

The moves from Wimbledon and other bodies are being projected as sport doing its bit to bring about peace. Can sport assume such a big role where some players will inevitably be collateral damage?

DANIIL MEDVEDEV. - REUTERS

SU: It's interesting for people to say that 'sport is playing its part'. There is the NHL (National Hockey League) in the U.S. where Russians are still playing. So, I think it's a little self-righteous to say that. In the case of Wimbledon, I did get the feeling that the British foreign office made a big noise. No other individual tennis tournament has said that they will not allow Russians. When are we going to talk about Israel and Palestine? Is that not an issue that should be front and centre? A conflict has been going on for decades there. So, it's a bit overambitious on the part of sport to think that way. For an individual sport to be doing it is literally a slippery slope. Where do you stop and on whose behalf do you stop? You do understand the anguish of the Ukrainian athletes on what's happening in their country. But to imagine that this will work by having Russians not take part... It's not well thought through.

ZA: There is this debate going on right now that the entry into Wimbledon is not based on nationality but on ranking. So, why is Wimbledon not allowing Russian players to play? They are already playing under a neutral flag. Like Sharda mentioned the Israel-Palestine issue, tomorrow it could be another country that might have issues with its neighbour. So, will you stop every single sportsperson from that country? It's a dangerous precedent. I just hope going forward sports doesn't become a plaything for any government to decide, 'Okay, tomorrow, we don't want this or that country to play because we don't kind of agree with their policies.' There is no end to it.

It's the duty of professional sport to stay more clear-headed and vigilant about how much politics it will allow. If sport wants to play a part, let it raise money for the refugees and all other causes. What's happening in tennis is largely a propaganda exercise.

SHARDA UGRA

Sports bodies and governments have tried to clamp down on all forms of protest. On the other hand, they do not shy away from using these very events and successes of sportspersons to enrich their standing. How do you see this dichotomy?

SU: You see elite sports use platforms of all kinds of governments to stage events. Look at where some Formula One races are held. There was also a controversy about Qatar being given the rights to host the FIFA World Cup. So, it's almost like you have played into the hands of the people in power. I think, sport, perhaps, should find a way to ringfence itself. The Olympics is another kettle of fish because there are a number of international federations. But at least sports like tennis, that are high profile, very elite with a lot of money, highly professionalised and largely well-run, should really fence themselves away. I just wanted to bring up the case of Peng Shuai, the Chinese tennis player who had spoken out against a [government] official. Tennis's response at that time was outstanding. It stood up for its player and took tournaments away from China. Even though it's come to a point where we do not know what the truth really is, tennis's first line of defence was, 'Let us speak to her. She's our athlete. Let us look after her.' And what has Wimbledon done? It has said, 'It's somebody else's thing. Let's get these people out.' Sport should not allow this. What was the symbol of the athlete at the end of 2020 and 2021? It was to take a knee, to raise a fist and to stand up against discrimination. That's the way sport should be used, rather than this kind of exclusion, which is what Martina Navratilova also said. Exclusion is not the way to go.

ZA: Sport is supposed to unite and not divide us. It is dividing people right now and that's the last thing we want. I was at the Olympics in 1988 and then I was the (non-playing) captain of the Indian team in 2016 in Rio. The kind of atmosphere you have in the village, especially in the dining room area, where you have people from different countries sitting together... It's not a question of colour or language or anything. Everybody over there is a sportsperson. In Rio, there was a McDonald's outlet where people would queue up for one kilometre. In that one kilometre, you had people from 100 different nationalities standing and talking to each other. That's uniting people. Unfortunately, the situation now is doing anything but that and sport is a loser.

When governments play such a huge role in sports, from funding to presiding over events, can we expect sports and politics to be detached?

SU: I don't think so. Particularly in Olympic sports where, in around 75% of the countries, funding is from the government and through taxpayers. So, you do know that the government will be trying to stamp its authority. But professional sport doesn't require anything other than, say, permissions to stage events. So, it's the duty of professional sport to stay a bit more clear-headed and vigilant about how much politics it will allow. If sport wants to play a part, let it raise money for the refugees and all other causes. What's happening in tennis is largely a propaganda exercise and you cannot fall into this. Because political involvement is not going to reduce. It's like what George Orwell said about the image of the future being the boot on the face. You have to push back as much as you can.

ZA: I don't think sports and politics are ever going to be detached. Sports bodies in most countries come under the jurisdiction of the government. Let's leave the BCCI out of it, but I'm talking about other sports in the country, like hockey, that are completely reliant on the sports ministry and the government. It also cannot be a sports body's decision to go against the government because there will be repercussions. But like Sharda said, there needs to be some amount of leeway given, for a certain stand to be taken concerning big political decisions. As much as we would like sports and politics not to mingle, it's not happened in so many years and, unfortunately, going forward also I don't see it happening. Even in individual sport, if you were to go against your nation's decision of not playing in a particular country or traveling to a particular country, there may be repercussions. A government can say, 'Okay, we will withhold your passport.' And then you cannot travel to any part of the world. So, we sportspeople and sports federations have to at some point abide by these decisions, whether it is good for the sport or not. Unfortunately, we're just pawns in something much bigger.

SU: It was quite interesting to hear what Zeeshan had to say. To my mind the IPL (Indian Premier League) is a classic example of how politics has been allowed to spread itself completely over the sport. So, we cannot have Pakistan players in the IPL. Is cricket a team sport? Yes, absolutely. But it's a team sport with teams from Mumbai and other cities. An Indian team will always win the IPL. But you can't have Pakistan players because of an unwritten rule and because there will be some 'hassle'. There will not be any hassle.... hassle will be created. Cricket in India, and Pakistan, has allowed itself to be completely overwhelmed and manipulated by politics. Cricket has become the currency with which politics is enacted. And when Wimbledon has done something like this now, it shouldn't want to become currency again. That's what Zeeshan said, 'You can allow yourself to be manipulated terribly before you even know it.'

NOTEBOOK

Stories of gratitude

The little gestures that prove that journalism is not such a thankless profession after all

SOMA BASU

Five years ago, on a September afternoon, a barefoot man in a crisp white dhoti and shirt entered *The Hindu*'s Madurai office with much trepidation. It was 65-year-old K. Balasooriyan's first visit to the office of the newspaper he grew up reading. But on that particular day, it was a different kind of engagement for the owner of the 110-year-old popular and budget eatery, Hotel Kathiravan in Srivilliputhur.

For a food column in the features supplement, *MetroPlus*, I had profiled the iconic traditional mess with a small interview of Mr. Balasooriyan. As a reporter, it was one of my regular assignments for which I had travelled to Srivilliputhur and spent a day watching the kitchen open, the quick on-the-go homemade meals getting prepared and being served hot to travellers and the locals, who kept trooping in from noon till late afternoon.

A. KUPPURAM. - SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The day the story was published, much to my surprise, Mr. Balasooriyan walked into our features cabin. His humble demeanour made him look like a splitting image of R.K. Laxman's common man. He stood in silence with moist eyes, raised his hands in blessing and was immediately ready to go back.

He said he took the public bus from Srivilliputhur, 70 km from Madurai, just to convey his gratitude for the article. He was to again take the evening bus home. I asked him why he took so much effort instead of making a telephone call. In this age of digital communication, a face-to-face meeting was more important for him, he said. His gesture could not be challenged. That a newspaper that his father always cajoled him to read would one day carry an article on his family restaurant left him humbled. It was a strong enough reason for him to hop on to the morning bus and come all the way to our office to express his gratitude. Overwhelmed by the affection he showed, I struggled to make his three-hour journey worth the time. He was shy and all I could do was give him a few more copies of the paper and take him around the office and introduce him to other colleagues. "I dislike frills and fancy. My purpose was to meet you and bless you and that has been met," he said while taking leave.

Another time I interviewed A. Kuppuram, the owner of Madurai's only decent book store, Turning Point. Fondly nicknamed 'Bookram', he had faced many struggles but always remained motivated to grow his store. Each time I approached him for an interview for my column on people making a difference, he would say he is not deserving enough to be featured in The Hindu.

Finally, when he agreed and we carried his story 12 autumns ago, he filled my mail box with beautiful messages that he had received from his friends and well-wishers. And then, to convey his heart-felt thanks, he came to meet me in person and waited patiently in the reception for over four hours as I was out on an assignment.

When we met, he said he turned teary-eyed seeing the morning paper. He told me he felt honoured because his story had been placed below A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's interview. "So many people called to congratulate me. You have made me a celebrity overnight. I will remember this moment till my last breath," he said. Unfortunately, the city's czar of books passed away three months later. His thank you messages are more consequential than ever.

Appreciation is hard to come by but then such responses prove that journalism is not such a thankless job after all. In the world today, where comments filled with bile on the media are everywhere, a 'thank you' truly resonates deeper than usual.

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DATA POINT

Deaths in custody

On April 19, a man (25) died in police custody in Chennai. His death has once again put the spotlight on custodial deaths in Tamil Nadu. Just two years ago, the deaths of P. Jayaraj and J. Benicks, a father-son duo who were remanded to judicial custody in Thoothukudi, had highlighted the prevalence of police brutality in the State. While U.P. has recorded the highest number of deaths in judicial custody in the last six years among all the States, Tamil Nadu has this ignominious distinction among the southern States. Deaths recorded in judicial custody were far higher than those in police custody. It is significant that the National Human Rights Commission has not recommended prosecution in even one such case during this period. Disciplinary action was recommended in 0.2% of the cases. By **Vignesh Radhakrishnan**

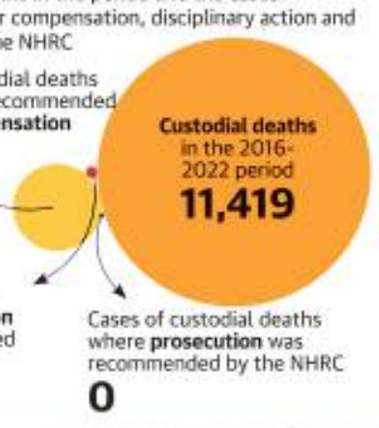
Judicial custody | The table shows the number of deaths reported while suspects were in judicial custody between 2016-17 and 2021-22 (up to Feb. 28)

	'16-17	'17-18	'18-19	'19-20	'20-21	'21-22
U.P.	400	390	452	400	443	443
West Bengal	99	138	115	115	177	221
Bihar	86	109	114	105	156	197
M.P.	135	114	143	143	155	176
Maharashtra	125	125	149	91	130	154
Punjab	150	127	117	93	70	133
Haryana	45	46	65	74	46	96
Gujarat	53	50	67	53	82	96
Tamil Nadu	60	72	89	57	61	93
Chhattisgarh	56	54	55	56	64	84
Rajasthan	82	91	74	79	71	73
Jharkhand	60	50	64	43	49	72
Odisha	47	54	61	59	89	60
Delhi	30	42	44	47	41	60
Andhra Pradesh	30	36	43	26	47	46
Kerala	48	38	33	27	34	37
Northeast	36	46	51	50	36	36
Uttarakhand	20	17	18	24	46	23
Telangana	29	14	9	21	22	21
J&K U.T.	7	4	8	5	7	14
H.P.	4	6	15	7	8	7
Goa	4	0	3	2	1	5
Other UTs	4	2	7	3	2	3
Karnataka	6	11	1	4	3	2

Police custody | The table shows the number of deaths reported while suspects were in police custody between 2016-17 and 2021-22 (up to Feb. 28)

	'16-17	'17-18	'18-19	'19-20	'20-21	'21-22
Maharashtra	25	19	11	3	13	29
Gujarat	10	14	13	12	17	21
Bihar	5	7	5	5	3	17
Northeast	14	19	11	7	4	15
Rajasthan	6	3	8	5	3	11
U.P.	11	10	12	3	8	8
M.P.	10	7	12	14	8	8
Karnataka	4	4	7	4	5	7
Punjab	6	10	5	6	2	6
Telangana	4	3	0	0	1	4
Tamil Nadu	6	11	11	12	2	4
Kerala	5	3	3	2	1	4
Jharkhand	5	6	3	2	5	4
Haryana	9	7	7	3	3	4
West Bengal	9	5	5	7	8	3
Uttarakhand	0	0	2	1	1	2
Odisha	4	4	4	6	4	2
Chhattisgarh	6	3	3	3	3	2
J&K U.T.	0	0	0	0	2	1
Goa	1	0	0	0	0	1
Delhi	2	7	8	9	4	1
Andhra Pradesh	2	2	5	3	3	1
Other UTs	0	0	0	1	0	0
H.P.	1	2	1	4	0	0

NHRC recommendations | The graph shows the custodial deaths in the period and the cases recommended for compensation, disciplinary action and prosecution by the NHRC


Number of custodial deaths in which NHRC recommended monetary compensation
1,184
Custodial deaths in the 2016-2022 period
11,419
Cases of custodial deaths in which disciplinary action was recommended by the NHRC
21
Cases of custodial deaths where prosecution was recommended by the NHRC
0

DEFINITIONS

What is police custody ?

1 Following a complaint about a crime, the police arrest a suspect in order to prevent him from committing other offensive acts. The police have the physical custody of the suspect and may interrogate him. They have to produce the suspect before a judge within 24 hours of the arrest

What is judicial custody?

2 This is when an accused is in the custody of a Magistrate. In police custody, the accused is lodged in a police station, whereas in judicial custody, he is lodged in prison. Police custody may extend only up to 15 days but judicial custody may extend up to 90 days

Source: Lok Sabha for data, ecourts.gov for definitions

The Hindu.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

FIFTY YEARS AGO MAY 6, 1972

More Russian newsprint and fertilizer

Moscow, May 5: India's demand for increased supplies of fertilizers, non-ferrous metals and newsprint have been met in the Indo-Soviet Trade Protocol for 1972 signed here to-day. The Newsprint quota agreed upon is over 50,000 tonnes. The Ministers of Foreign Trade of India and the Soviet Union, Mr. L. N. Mishra and Mr. Nikolai Patolichev, signed the document at a brief official ceremony. The protocol visualised sale upto Rs. 5 crore worth of Soviet tractors to India as a prelude to co-operation in building Indian capacities in tractor building. The two countries agreed to set up a Joint Committee including the two Ministers of Foreign Trade and officials to further expand and enrich trade which is already targeted to touch Rs. 500 crore mark this year. This year's turnover is expected to exceed the volume of 1970 by 30 per cent. Summing up the results of his talks here, Mr. Mishra told PTI they were very successful. The Soviet attitude was extremely helpful and co-operative and they showed high appreciation of India's problems. He acquainted the Soviet side with his plans for structural changes in India's foreign trade which will place greater reliance on trade with the USSR, other centrally planned economies of Eastern Europe and developing countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America.

A HUNDRED YEARS AGO MAY 6, 1922

Sericulture experiments in Kollegal

It is a well-known fact that Kollegal Taluk is a silk-producing centre. Silk worms are reared in many of the villages, the silk is spun into yarn and exported to various parts of the country. As for the weaving industry, it is carried on a very small scale in Kollegal town. It is also to be noted that whereas Kollegal exports a large quantity of indigenous silk, it also imports a quantity of foreign silk. To improve the silk industry in the Taluk by supplying disease-free seeds to the reares, Government some years ago employed a subordinate officer of the Entomological department for the purpose and to educate the public in the matter of rearing on the most modern principles. The industry has been carried on in Kollegal for a very long time and the people are from long experience entitled to speak with some authority on the subject. With due deference to the abilities, qualifications and sincerity of purpose of experts, it cannot but be stated that their methods are partly at least experimental.

FROM PAGE ONE

4.7 million COVID-linked deaths in India: WHO

Deaths indirectly linked to COVID-19 are attributable to other health conditions for which people were unable to access prevention and treatment because health systems were overburdened by the pandemic. The estimated number of excess deaths can be influenced also by deaths averted during the pandemic due to lower risks of certain events, such as motor-vehicle accidents or occupational injuries.

Most of the excess deaths (84%) are concentrated in South-East Asia, Europe, and the Americas. About two-thirds of the excess deaths are concentrated in 10 countries. The pandemic globally claimed more men than women (57% male, 43% female). There were 5.3 lakh deaths in men 60 and older in India in 2020 and 19 lakh deaths in that age group in 2021. There were 3.5 lakh and 15 lakh, respectively, for women.

India on Tuesday made public birth and death registration data from 2020 that reported 4.75 lakh excess deaths from all causes in 2020 over 2019. This data is from the Civil Registration System (CRS) that only counts deaths registered and doesn't break down causes of death.

India's prime objections are that the WHO used mathematical modelling to estimate deaths for India that did not accurately reflect the Indian situation and ignored official estimates.

WHO officials at a press conference did not directly respond to India's criticism but said that they were in dialogue with Indian government experts and that the estimates would be updated.

India will contest report, says Health Ministry

The Ministry added that India had also informed the WHO that in view of the availability of authentic data published through the Civil Registration System by the Registrar General of India, mathematical models should not be used for projecting excess mortality numbers for India.

India has also consistently questioned the WHO's own admission that data in respect of 17 Indian States were obtained from some websites and media reports and was used in their mathematical model.

The Ministry said throughout the process of dialogue, engagement and communication with the WHO, the global health body had projected different excess mortality figures for India citing multiple models, which itself raises questions on the validity and robustness of the models used. "The Indian government has always been ready to share data with the WHO. The matter will be taken up at the highest forum, while adhering to the due procedure," added a source.

The Health Ministry said that despite having written to the WHO 10 times since last November, the organisation had not given a satisfactory response to defend the methodology used to arrive at figures that have been released for the period between January 2020 and 31 December 2021.

"WHO is yet to give answers to India's question on validation of the mathematical model by running it on tier-1 countries to prove its robustness and validity. India has told the WHO multiple times about the Registrar-General of India's numbers on birth and deaths which is collected through a rigorous process and also expressed its keenness to share this data," said the Ministry.

India asked why the numbers in the WHO report were "leaked" to the press before its release.

Sedition pleas: SC mulls transfer to larger Bench

"However, the misuse of sedition law should be controlled. This court can lay down certain guidelines in the implementation of the law... Recently, sedition has been invoked in Maharashtra even for chanting the Hanuman Chalisa..." Mr. Venugopal submitted.

Senior advocate Kapil Sibal and advocate Vipin Nair also argued that there was no need to refer the case to a larger Bench because of the Kedar Nath judgment.

He submitted that the Kedar Nath judgment was limited to an examination of how sedition could be invoked by the government to silence free speech under Article 19(1)(a) of the Constitution. It had not examined how sedition could be misused by the government to cripple right to life and dignity and right to equal treatment under Articles 21 and 14, respectively. Mr. Sibal said the three-judge Bench could go ahead and decide their petitions without touching on the Kedar Nath verdict.

But Justice Kant invoked judicial propriety. "Subsequent changes in law does not give a three-judge Bench the right to ignore an earlier five-judge Bench decision on the same issue," Justice Kant said.

Solicitor General Tushar Mehta agreed with the court that the point of reference to a larger Bench needed to be heard and decided first before going into the merits of the case.

Panel notifies new J&K Assembly constituencies

Seven seats had been reserved for Scheduled Castes.

"There are five Parliamentary Constituencies in the region. The Delimitation Commission has seen Jammu & Kashmir as a single entity for purposes of the delimitation. Therefore, one of the parliamentary constituencies has been carved out combining Anantnag region in the Valley and Rajouri and Poonch of Jammu region. By this reorganisation, each Parliamentary constituency will have equal number of 18 Assembly Constituencies each," the commission said in its statement. The move to the merge the two regions in one Lok Sabha constituency had been criticised by regional parties, including the National Conference, given the two areas remain cut off in winter and have no direct access. The commission said it had accepted many of the suggestions regarding names of constituencies that came up during consultations.

It restored restored old names and reworked a few Assembly segments in the Kashmir division, which had been renamed in the previous draft and had evoked criticism.

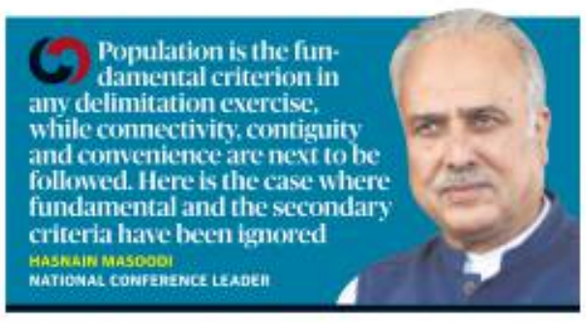
J&K parties unhappy with final draft

An attempt to ensure BJP gets an advantage in elections, says National Conference leader

PEERZADA ASHIQ
SRINAGAR

Most political parties in Jammu and Kashmir, with the exception of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), on Thursday expressed disappointment over the final draft of the J&K Delimitation Commission, which has redrawn boundaries to add six additional constituencies to the Jammu division and one to the Kashmir division, to take seat strength to 90 in the Union Territory.

"Population is the fundamental criterion in any delimitation exercise, while connectivity, contiguity and convenience are next to be followed. Here is the case where fundamental and the secondary criteria have been ignored. It is clearly designed to disempower and disenfranchise people," National Conference (NC) leader and MP Hasnain Masoodi, who is an associate member of the panel, told *The Hindu*.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NATIONAL CONFERENCE LEADER

The NC, which had earlier boycotted the panel but decided to participate after top party leaders met Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a multi-party meeting held in June 2021, described the fresh draft as "an attempt to ensure that the BJP gets an advantage in the elections".

"How is it that electorate size in a constituency in Jammu is around 70,000 and over two lakhs in Kashmir," Mr. Masoodi asked.

The NC has been maintaining that the delimitation exercise is "unconstitutional" as the J&K Reorganisation Act, 2019 under which the panel was set up will be challenged in the Supreme Court.

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), which boycotted the panel during its visits to J&K, said the party's fears had come true. "Our party from day one has looked at the delimitation exercise as an extension of the process started on August 5, 2019 to disempower people from a particular community and a region. The Government of India has used or misused independent institutions to turn the electoral majority into a minority by using geography, access as a ruse," Naeem Akhtar, senior PDP leader and a close aide of Mehbooba Mufti, said.

He said it would be for the first time in the electoral history of the country that elections were being rigged long before even the first vote was cast. "It's another sad chapter of history written by the rulers sitting in New Delhi," he added. Sajad Lone's Peoples Conference said the delimitation report was a repeat of the past.

"Same traditional entities are calling the shots behind the scenes. Kashmir has been discriminated against as in the past. No change. Only the degree of disempowerment is greater," the PC said.

CPI(M) leader M.Y. Tarigami, also a spokesperson for the Gupkar Alliance, said the Commission had submitted its final report despite a Constitutional freeze on the increase or decrease of Parliamentary or Assembly seats.

"The exercise is bound to disempower the people of J&K in the long run," Mr. Tarigami said.

"The panel has done a great job. I congratulate the panel headed by Ranjana Prakash Desai and its members for completing the process in record time ," BJP Jammu and Kashmir president Ravinder Raina said.

Panel has been very flexible: CEC

DAMINI NATH
NEW DELHI

Redrawing of Assembly constituencies in Jammu and Kashmir by the Delimitation Commission was done with the aspirations of the people of the Union Territory in mind and in an "inclusive" and "participative" manner, Chief Election Commissioner Sushil Chandra said on Thursday.

Mr. Chandra, a member of the three-member Delimitation Commission that published its final award on Thursday, said the panel had been very flexible. He said names of 13 constituencies were changed after the panel received feedback on its draft report published in March.

Issues addressed

Mr. Chandra said the commission addressed the issues of constituencies being split across districts and the smallest administrative unit, the patwar circle, being divided into different seats by ensuring all 90 Assembly constituencies came under one district each and the patwar circle remained intact.

The commission's decision to carve out a Lok Sabha seat with areas from the Jammu region and the Kashmir Valley called Anantnag-Rajouri had come in for criticism from political parties. Mr. Chandra said the commission saw the two regions as "integrated" and the five Lok Sabha constituencies now had 18 Assembly seats each.

On the matter of elections in J&K, he said the Centre would first appoint a date from which the delimitation order would come into effect, after which the Election Commission would have to rationalise the polling stations and revise the electoral rolls, before meeting stakeholders.

'SC order does not call for instant polls'

STAFF REPORTER
MUMBAI

A day after the Supreme Court asked the Maharashtra State Election Commission (SEC) to declare the local body poll programme, the tripartite Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) ruling alliance held the view that the order has not asked for elections to be held immediately.

The MVA retained the position that no elections could be held without Other Backward Class (OBC) reservation. Senior Ministers of the State Cabinet on Thursday held a meeting with Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray on the possible outcome after the verdict.

Court's conditions

The State legislature has unanimously passed a Bill taking over the pre-poll processes from the SEC, including formation of ward boundaries to buy more time to postpone the local body polls. Till that time, the State hopes to fulfil three conditions placed by the court while scrapping OBC reservation in local bodies. "The court has neither scrapped this law nor is it stayed. But at the same time, directions are given to initiate the poll process for local bodies, where tenure is over. We discussed the issue, and also keeping an eye on further actions of the SEC," Vijay Wadettiwar, Maharashtra Minister of OBC Welfare, Disaster Management, Relief and Rehabilitation, said.

"We have to follow the court order. But even the order does not clearly mention urgency to hold elections," he said, adding that all leaders had agreed to not hold elections unless reservation was restored. We will go to the court with report from the Maharashtra State Backward Class Commission, which will be submitting it the next two months, he added.

'Peace is now permanent in Valley'

Security forces have successfully broken cycle of violence: Lt. Gen. D.P. Pandey

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
SRINAGAR

Lieutenant-General D.P. Pandey, the outgoing General Officer Commanding (GoC) of the strategic Srinagar-based 15 Corps, has questioned the use of the term "Kashmir problem", saying the problem in Kashmir has been largely overcome.

"'Kashmir problem' is a wrong terminology. There was a problem in Kashmir, which we along with the people and a cross section of society, have largely been able to overcome. Peace has started to become a permanent feature," Lt. Gen. Pandey said on Thursday, during an interaction at the 15 Corps headquarters in Srinagar.

Lieutenant General D.P. Pandey, General Officer Commanding (GoC) of the Army's 15 Corps in Srinagar. • NISSAR AHMAD

The Army officer said there would be a few people who would not be happy with the peaceful atmosphere and would keep employing new methods to disrupt it. "However, joint counter measures will defeat such elements," he said.

Security measures

The GoC security system and measures have been taken to foil any plans to disrupt the Amarnath yatra but "threat perception remains", he said. The officer said the security forces have succeeded in "breaking the cycle of violence in Kashmir".

"We have done well on this front," Lt. Gen. Pandey said. The top official said that efforts were undertaken to dissuade the youth from taking to arms. He said the past 12 months saw around 230 youth, who had either joined militancy or were about to join, being brought back to live a peaceful life. "This indeed is my achievement. My endeavour had been that no mother, sister or daughter should cry in pain for just somebody taking to arms and getting killed in encounters," he said.

Earlier it had been difficult to identify a government servant, a shopkeeper or a student who may be indulging in militancy but such people were being tracked quickly now, the official said.

"Parents too are keeping a close watch on the children so that they don't tread the wrong path," he added. Lt. Gen. Pandey also flagged the challenge of finding weapons made in America in Kashmir of late.

BSF detects 150-metre tunnel near the border in Jammu

It also found a 265-foot-long pipe used to supply oxygen

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Border Security Force (BSF) detected a 150-metre-long tunnel at Samba in Jammu along the Pakistan border and found a 265-feet-long pipe near the tunnel that was used to supply oxygen, it said in a statement on Thursday.

The force said that with the tunnel's detection it had "foiled the nefarious designs of Pakistan-based terrorists to disrupt the upcoming Amarnath Yatra."

The BSF said that it detected a cross-border tunnel on May 4 in the area of Border Outpost Chak Faquira in Samba area. "This tunnel detection was the result of rigorous and consistent efforts of BSF troops during a fortnight-long anti-tunneling exercise carried out in this area. This tunnel is freshly dug out and is suspected to be about 150 metre originating from Pakistan side," the BSF said.

BSF personnel at an anti-tunnelling operation after an underground tunnel was detected in J&K's Samba. • PTI

The tunnel is about two feet wide and so far 21 sand bags have been recovered, which were used to strengthen its exit. This is the fifth tunnel detected in less than a year and a half, it said.

"This shows the evil strategy of Pakistan establishment to create trouble in India. The BSF has been always in the forefront to safeguard the borders and create a sense of security among border population," D.K. Boora, Inspector-General, BSF, Jammu said.

SC reserves order on Abu Salem's plea

India reneged on assurance, he claims

LEGAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday reserved its judgment in a plea by gangster Abu Salem that India reneged on a "solemn assurance" given to Portugal at the time of his extradition that he will not be sentenced to death or imprisonment for over 25 years in any case.

A Bench of Justices Sanjay Kishan Kaul and M.M. Sundresh heard both the government and counsel for Mr. Salem, Rishi Malhotra, for almost the entire day.

Earlier, the court had conveyed its displeasure at the government for not taking an unequivocal stand regarding the assurance given to Portugal at the time of Mr. Salem's extradition.

India's assurance

The Bench had also expressed dissatisfaction over certain portions of an affidavit filed by Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla, which said the court should focus on deciding Mr. Salem's appeal against his conviction and life sentence in the 1993 Mumbai blasts case on its merits and not take into consideration any "assurance" given by India to Portugal.

Abu Salem

Mr. Bhalla had maintained that the question of honouring India's assurances to Portugal would arise only in the year 2030, when the 25-year mark came up. Mr. Salem had approached the court, claiming India violated the sovereign assurance by sentencing him to life imprisonment in the Bombay blasts case.

The government argued that the blasts were "undoubtedly a dastardly act conducted with premeditation and the appellant [Salem] played a very active role". He was an absconder and was brought to India under the Extradition Act of 1962. But the case had triggered concern in the court about "international ramifications" India may face if it is seen to break its "solemn" promises made to foreign powers while securing an extradition.

'Modi's visit to France displays strong friendship, goodwill'

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
PARIS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron took stock of the regional and global security outlook and discussed ways to work together in making the India-France Strategic Partnership a force for global good.

The Prime Minister's visit to France displayed the strong friendship and goodwill not only between the two countries but also between the two leaders, a release from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said.

In a joint statement, India and France underscored that the long-standing armament cooperation is testimony to the mutual trust between the two sides. Both sides also agreed to work jointly to increase the mobility of students, graduates, professionals and skilled workers while strengthening their efforts to combat irregular migration.

Tweeting a photograph of his meeting with Mr. Modi, Mr. Macron said, "Tonight, with @NarendraModi, we discussed the different ongoing international crises as well as our strategic partnership. We also talked about food security issues and the FARM initiative, in which India will play a key role."

Prime Minister Modi invited President Macron to visit India at the earliest opportunity, the MEA said in a release.

India and France are strong strategic partners and the two leaders are also good friends, Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra told reporters here.

President Macron's renewed mandate and the conversations between Prime Minister Modi and the French President allow the two countries to build on existing strengths and success of India-France strategic partnership and also jot out a blueprint for its next phase, he said.

Jet Airways to fly proving flights soon

STAFF REPORTER
NEW DELHI

Jet Airways could be inching closer to restarting flights with the DGCA expected to schedule its proving flights next week following which the airline will be granted an aircraft operator's certificate.

"The proving flights are likely to start soon. The airline will have to conduct 10 such flights. We expect this to take 30 days after which the airline will get its AOC subject to security clearance," a senior official said. The airline aims to resume operations by the third quarter of calendar year 2022.

APPEAL

Name of Patient: **Master Ashad Hafiz**, 10 years. Hospital Name: Christian Medical College. Diagnosis: Fanconi Anemia (a type of aplastic anemia). This is a type of blood disorder which is life threatening. The best option for him would be to undergo allogeneic peripheral blood stem cell transplant (PBSCT). The estimated cost of PBSCT at this hospital is approximately **Rs. 14,00,000/-.**

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CAA was, is, and will be a reality: Shah

Mamata says BJP is insulting the citizens

SHIV SAHAY SINGH
KOLKATA

On the day the third Trinamool Congress government completed a year in power in the State, Union Home Minister Amit Shah and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday exchanged barbs over a host of issues including the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019 (CAA), law and order situation, and jurisdictional issues of the Border Security Force (BSF).

Addressing a public meeting in north Bengal, Mr. Shah alleged that the Trinamool Congress was spreading rumours about the CAA. "I want to make it clear that the Trinamool Congress is spreading rumours that the CAA will not be implemented. As soon as the pandemic gets over, we will implement CAA," Mr. Shah said. The Home Minister, who is on a two-day visit to the State, said "CAA was, is and will remain a reality".

Ms. Banerjee responded by saying that everybody is a citizen and every time the BJP raises the issue of CAA, the party is insulting the citizens who elected the Prime Minister and Chief Minister.

Mr. Shah, in his speech, also raised the issue of post-poll violence in the State. "BJP will not rest till it uproots Trinamool's tyrannical rule from Bengal," he said. Mr. Shah asked why the Trinamool has not sent teams to Bogtui in Birbhum where women and children were burnt to death, and Hanskali where a teenager died after sexual assault.

Earlier in the day, at an event organised by the South Bengal Frontier of the BSF, the Home Minister said that it was a challenge for the border guarding forces to deal with infiltration and smuggling without the cooperation of the local administration.

"Pressure from the people will result in cooperation from the administration," Mr. Shah said.

The Chief Minister said the Home Minister was asking the BSF to overstep its jurisdiction and said that he should not play with fire.

Securing boundaries: Amit Shah during the inauguration of the floating border posts on Thursday. • PTI

Museum, floating outposts near Bangladesh border

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
KOLKATA

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on May 5 inaugurated *Maitri Sangrahalaya* (Friendship Museum), along with three floating BOPs (border outposts), in the border areas of West Bengal. "We are observing 50 years of the creation of Bangladesh and, for lasting memory of this feat, we are coming up with Maitri Museum at a cost of ₹8 crore," Mr. Shah said. He said the Sundarbans, a part of which is in India and the other in Bangladesh, remained very sensitive for the nation's security. He added that three floating BOPs - Sutlej, Narmada and Kaveri - had been pressed into the nation's service in the region.

Collegium recommends two names for Supreme Court

Sudhanshu Dhulia, Jamshed Pardiwala are HC Chief Justices

KRISHNADAS RAJAGOPAL
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court Collegium has recommended Sudhanshu Dhulia and Jamshed Burjor Pardiwala, Chief Justices of the Gauhati and Gujarat High Courts, respectively, for appointment as judges in the top court.

Justice Dhulia will be the second judge to be elevated from the Uttarakhand High Court. He hails from Madanpur, a remote village in Pauri Garhwal district of Uttarakhand.

The grandson of a freedom fighter who took part in the Quit India Movement, Justice Dhulia was elevated as a judge of the High Court of Uttarakhand in November 2008 and later became the Chief Justice of the High Court of Assam, Mizoram, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh on January 10, 2021.

Sudhanshu Dhulia, left, and Jamshed Burjor Pardiwala

Justice Pardiwala is a fourth generation legal professional from his family. His father, Burjor Cawasji Pardiwala, a lawyer, had briefly served as the Speaker of the Seventh Legislative Assembly of Gujarat.

If appointed, Justice Pardiwala will be in line to become the Chief Justice of India and have a tenure of about two years and three months as top judge of the country. He would be the first from a minority community to be elevated to the Supreme Court in five years, after Justice S. Abdul Nazeer was elevated to the court in February 2017.

Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramana has been able to reach a consensus with his Collegium members to recommend 11 names for the top court since August 2021.

CWC to meet in Delhi ahead of *chintan shivir*

May 9 meet to set road map for future

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Ahead of the *chintan shivir* in Rajasthan's Udaipur, the Congress Working Committee (CWC) will meet in Delhi on May 9 to formalise the agenda for the brainstorming meet, party general secretary K C Venugopal said on Thursday.

Congress president Sonia Gandhi has constituted six coordination panels for drafting papers on the subjects of political and organisational importance, social justice, the economy, farmers, and youth, during the three-day brainstorming conclave.

Sonia Gandhi

Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge heads the panel on political issues; former Finance Minister P. Chidambaram on economy; former Union Minister Salman Khurshid on social justice; former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda will head the committee on agriculture and farmers; and Mukul Wasnik will spearhead the coordination panel for organisational matters.

The *chintan shivir* was announced after the party's decimation in the recently concluded Assembly elections in Uttar Pradesh and three other States.

Since the CWC meet comes after the fallout with Prashant Kishor, some members, who were not part of the discussions with Mr. Kishor, may raise that issue as well.

FTII students oppose I&B Minister's visit

SHOUMOJIT BANERJEE
PUNE

The students' association of the Pune-based Film and Television Institute of India (FTII) staged a demonstration against Information and Broadcasting (I&B) Minister Anurag Thakur, opposing his "political ideology and past actions" during the latter's visit to the FTII campus on Thursday.

The association, which has alleged that students were being surveilled upon and their representation in the FTII Academic Council revoked, further accused the I&B Ministry authorities of threatening to cut off funds for the institute in retaliation for the demonstration against Mr. Thakur. The association complained that they lacked space for any dialogue with the authorities. They accused the I&B Ministry (under whose purview the FTII falls) of running the institute as "a private organisation".

Kishor to begin 3,000-km march

Poll strategist chalks out people outreach programme ahead of political plunge

AMARNATH TEWARY
PATNA

Poll strategist Prashant Kishor said in a crowded press meet here on Thursday that before chalking out his future political plan, he would reach out to the people of Bihar and begin a 3,000-km *padayatra* [march] from West Champaran on October 2. Mr. Kishor also ruled out launching any political party or forum now.

"I have come to stay in Bihar with all my commitment, sincerity and integrity and in the next three of four months, I will be meeting 17,000 to 18,000 people who really want to change Bihar and discuss with them my thoughts over *Jan Suraj* [good governance]. From October 2, I will also begin a padayatra of around 3,000 km from West Champaran for eight to 12 months to meet the people of Bihar for a collective effort and thought to bring change in Bihar," Mr. Kishor said.

"And, thereafter, if they [those whom I would meet] decide to form a political party or forum, Prashant Kishor will be one of the members of that party or forum," he said, "but as of now, I'm not going to launch any political party."

Prashant Kishor

Mr. Kishor addressed the press meet at Gyan Bhavan here sitting alone in front of a poster of Mahatma Gandhi with the words "The best politics is right action".

Earlier, after his talks with the Congress failed, Mr. Kishor came to Bihar and tweeted that he would be starting his new political innings on *Jan Suraj* from Bihar.

"For past three decades, Bihar has been governed either by Lalu Prasad or Nitish Kumar as Chief Minister. Some say, in the first 15 years, a section of people got voice in the State while, in second phase of 15 years, some development took place in the State. There may be some truth in their claim but still Bihar is the most backward and poor State in the country...at the bottom of development index," Mr. Kishor said.

On being asked whether he was in touch with Rashtriya Janata Dal chief Lalu Prasad or Janata Dal(U) leader Nitish Kumar, Mr. Kishor said, "Both are big leaders of the country and why should they give any importance to me? My personal relationship with Nitish Kumar is, though, very good but that doesn't mean that we should always work together, make our political journey together. I was with Nitish Kumar in his party JD(U) but on the issues of CAA [Citizen Amendment Act] and NRC [National Register for Citizens], I was thrown out of the party. It was his [Mr. Kumar's] decision and it was his party."

Collective effort

Asked how he would do this, Mr. Kishor said, "To reach out to people from all walks of life who really want to change the face of Bihar. Through collective effort and thought, change can be brought in Bihar." But how he would do this in a State where society was badly caste-ridden?

"This is not true. If vote in Bihar is being given on caste, then I would say data suggests Prime Minister Narendra Modi has the largest chunk of vote in Bihar today. Good people are there in every caste and I want to meet them,discuss and debate with them, share ideas with them", Mr. Kishor said.

PIL seeks FIR against Raj Thackeray

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
MUMBAI

A public interest litigation (PIL) plea has been filed before the Bombay High Court seeking a first information report (FIR) against Maharashtra Navnirman Sena (MNS) chief Raj Thackeray for holding press conferences and instigating people to play *Hanuman Chalisa* on loudspeakers.

The petition mentions that Mr. Raj Thackeray held several public meetings where he allegedly gave defamatory speeches against Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) chief Sharad Pawar which could lead to protests all over the State.

The plea, filed by social activist Hemant Patil, urges the court for a direction to register an FIR under sedition and for causing breach of peace and public nuisance. Mr. Patil also wants the court to restrain Mr. Raj Thackeray from organising any press conference.

Bypolls to two RS seats on May 30

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

The Election Commission on Thursday announced bypolls to two Rajya Sabha seats – one each in Telangana and Bihar – on May 30. Polling and counting will take place on May 30, the EC said.

The Telangana seat fell vacant on December 4, 2021 on the resignation of Banda Prakash, while the Bihar seat became vacant on December 27, 2021 due to the death of Mahendra Prasad. The term of both seats is till April 2, 2024.

Minister Danve wishes for a 'Brahmin CM'

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AURANGABAD/MUMBAI

Union Minister Raosaheb Danve said he wished to see a member of the Brahmin community as the Chief Minister of Maharashtra.

Reacting to this on Thursday, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, said a transgender person or an individual belonging to any caste could become the State's Chief Minister with the backing of 145 MLAs.

Mr. Danve made the comment on Tuesday night in Jalna, while addressing a rally organised by some Brahmin community members, on the occasion of Parshuram Jayanti celebrations.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE QUARTER AND YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

(Rs. in Crores)

S. No	Particulars	Standalone			Consolidated		
		Quarter ended		Year ended	Quarter ended		Year ended
		31.03.2022	31.03.2021	31.03.2022	31.03.2022	31.03.2021	31.03.2022
		(Unaudited)		(Audited)	(Unaudited)		(Audited)
1	Total income	5,538.49	5,328.87	20,809.50	6,598.75	6,140.54	24,388.18
2	Net Profit (before Tax, Exceptional items)	372.68	386.92	1,243.37	369.62	419.92	1,106.91
3	Net Profit before tax (after Exceptional items)	372.68	386.92	1,213.21	367.66	413.72	1,066.79
4	Net Profit after tax (after Exceptional items)	274.50	289.24	893.56	274.67	319.19	730.88
5	Total Comprehensive Income for the period [Comprising Profit for the period (after tax) and Other Comprehensive Income / (Loss) (after tax)]	241.29	312.30	829.25	293.33	356.37	733.77
6	Equity share capital (Face value of Re.1/- each)	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51	47.51
7	Reserves (excluding Revaluation Reserve)	-	-	4,774.53	-	-	4,351.94
8	Security Premium Account	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
9	Networth	4,822.04	4,170.95	4,822.04	4,399.45	3,826.61	4,399.45
10	Outstanding Debt	1,600.57	1,106.38	1,600.57	15,297.28	11,930.74	15,297.28
11	Outstanding redeemable Preference Shares	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
12	Debt Equity Ratio	0.3	0.1	0.3	2.7	2.5	2.7
13	Earnings Per Share (Face value of Re. 1/- each) (not annualised) (i) Basic (in Rs.) (ii) Diluted (in Rs.)	5.78 5.78	6.09 6.09	18.81 18.81	5.84 5.84	6.53 6.53	15.93 15.93
14	Capital Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
15	Debenture Redemption Reserve	- NOT APPLICABLE -					
16	Debt Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary)	3.3	7.6	5.2	5.6	8.5	4.6
17	Interest Service Coverage Ratio (Excluding NBFC Subsidiary)	12.3	20.8	10.9	8.5	13.3	7.0

Notes:

1. The above is an extract of the detailed format of financial results filed with the Stock Exchanges under Regulations 33 & 52 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015. The full format of the above financial results are available on the Stock exchange websites (www.bseindia.com and www.nseindia.com) and on company's website (www.tvsmotor.com).
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Avoid loss of lives in fire, heatwave: PM

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired a meeting on Thursday to review preparations for heatwave management and the monsoon.

During the meeting, the India Meteorological Department (IMD) and the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) briefed the Prime Minister about the persistence of high temperatures from March to May across the country, the Prime Minister's Office said in a statement.

Mr. Modi observed that "we need to take all measures" to avoid deaths due to heatwave or incidents of fire, according to the statement.

He said the response time to any such incidents should be minimal.

He also stressed that regular hospital fire safety audits needed to be done in view of the rising temperatures in the country.

Curfew continues in Jodhpur

Amit Shah should appoint a committee to investigate clashes, says Ashok Gehlot

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
JAIPUR

The curfew clamped on Jodhpur following the communal violence on Id-ul-Fitr earlier this week remained in force for the third consecutive day on Thursday.

The curfew in 10 police station limits of the city was extended till Friday midnight. Of the 211 persons arrested so far on various charges, 60 were granted bail.

The situation in the city was peaceful on Thursday. The district administration organised peace committee meetings in different localities to build trust between the two communities.

Police authorities appealed to the people to maintain peace and not believe any rumours. Mobile Internet services in the city will remain suspended till further orders.

The Opposition BJP leaders cancelled their plan to hold demonstrations in front of police stations after the administration assured them that all innocent persons arrested earlier would be released.

The police arrest a few accused in connection with the clashes in Jodhpur on Thursday. •PTI

Tensions in Sanganer

Tensions prevailed in Sanganer town of Bhilwara district after some unidentified masked men thrashed two persons and set a motorcycle on fire in a Muslim-dominated locality. Additional police force was deployed in the area and Internet services were suspended for 24 hours.

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said in Udaipur that Union Home Minister Amit Shah should appoint a committee to probe the root cause behind the clashes that took place in seven States on the pattern of Karauli in Rajasthan.

Mr. Gehlot wondered if the Karauli incident on April 2, when a purported religious procession raised abusive slogans, was an experiment after which riots were instigated in seven States on Ram Navami.

Over 1 lakh trees to be felled for coal mining in Odisha

Union Coal Ministry seeks environment clearance

SATYASUNDAR BARIK
BHUBANESWAR

The Union Coal Ministry has sought to rush through the forest diversion process for proposed opencast coal mining in Angul district of Odisha which would require the felling of more than one lakh standing trees in a reserve forest and cause significant disturbance to the elephant herds.

An important issue flagged by the inspection team was the threat to animals, especially elephants. •BISWARANJAN ROUT

Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL), a joint venture company of the Government of India and Telangana, has proposed to mine coal at the Naini mine in Chhendipada tahasli of the district.

The total requirement of land for the project is 912.799 hectares, of which 643.095 hectares is reserve forestland and 140.18 hectares is village forestland. The remaining is non-forestland.

The SCCL is waiting for environment and forest clearance before diverting 783.275 hectares of forestland for the coal field, which is in the south-eastern corner of the lower Gondwana basin within the Mahanadi Valley.

According to the site inspection report submitted by the Angul Divisional Forest Officer, 1,05,092 trees would have to be felled in the Chhendipda reserve forest, 1,087 in a revenue forest and 327 in non-forestland.

The company has, however, been allowed to create compensatory afforestation over 1,083 hectare of degraded forest.

The important issue flagged by the site inspection team was the threat to wild animals, especially elephants. Though the area for coal mining is not a part of any national park, wildlife sanctuary or biosphere, movement of wild elephants is often witnessed in the northern and southern parts of the lease area. The division wanted a plan for safe passage to elephants.

INTERVIEW | ARUN SINGHAL

'Expert panel will study star rating'

No valid reason to throw away IIM proposals on the system, says FSSAI CEO

JAGRITI CHANDRA

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) will soon make public its draft regulations for front-of-package labelling (FOPL) that recommend a health star rating system that public health experts and consumer rights organisations have criticised as ineffective and misleading. FSSAI CEO **Arun Singhal** *responds to these concerns.*

What is your response to criticism from public health experts who say that there is no evidence to show that health star rating system being proposed by the FSSAI for front-of-package labelling is effective, and that warning systems used by Chile have shown to dissuade consumers from buying unhealthy products?

■ We had six rounds of stakeholder consultations with consumer organisations as well as the industry, following which there was consensus on everything except the exact format of the FOPL. So, it was decided that we will go to consumers for a survey that will be conducted by a reputed organisation like an IIM [Indian Institute of Management], and we will follow whatever recommendations come from the survey. IIM-Ahmedabad conducted a survey of 20,500 people. It is an extremely prestigious institution. They have recommended the health star rating system. I have not seen any valid, sound reason to throw away their recommendations.

We will come out with draft regulations, and everyone will have an opportunity to give comments and a scientific panel will examine them.

There can be no comparison of the effectiveness of two FOPLs in the same population, because there is one FOPL in a country. Surveys in the U.K. have shown that multiple traffic light system is the best, or there are surveys in Europe that say that nutri-score is the best.

Many global experts have raised questions about the design and interpretation used in the IIM-Ahmedabad study used by the FSSAI to take a decision to propose health star rating. Studies conducted by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences and the International Institute for Population Sciences also say consumers prefer warning labels.

■ Whatever IIM-Ahmedabad publishes will be peer-reviewed. Their survey is also the largest in the world with a sample size of 20,500. The second biggest survey has 12,800 samples. We expect that when stakeholders' comments are invited, people will cite other studies and the scientific panel will look at their merit. We asked for a copy of the AIIMS study, but haven't received it yet. But that study has several limitations. It doesn't adequately seek responses from those with poor literacy levels as 70% of the population surveyed is intermediate pass (passed Class 12) or above and more than 70% of the respondents are also from urban areas simply because the institutions that participated were in cities.

We will come out with draft regulations, and everyone will have an opportunity to give comments

ARUN SINGHAL
FSSAI CEO

Why is the FSSAI in favour of voluntary adoption of labelling by the food industry instead of making them mandatory?

■ It is unrealistic to expect that labelling will be mandatory from day one. Chile, whose example is cited often, took 10 years to implement the law – it started framing the law in 2006, which was ready in 2012 and they were unable to implement it till 2016 and over a period of time, improved permissible thresholds (for sugar, salt and fat). In the U.K., labelling has been voluntary from 2005. Only in 10 countries have they been made mandatory and none of them is a model democracy. In no country in the world can the implementation happen instantaneously. We can have an initial voluntary period and then move towards improving the thresholds and making the labelling mandatory.

Many have also asked why the food industry is present at various FSSAI meetings held on policy matters. Shouldn't the food regulator maintain an arm's length from the industry it is supposed to watch over?

■ We will consult both the industry and the consumers. After all, it is the industry that has to implement the regulations, and if we don't involve it in decision-making, then it is a non-inclusive way of doing things.

We consult everyone and then take our own decisions. It is a misrepresentation of facts to say that a stakeholder consultation is where policy decisions are taken. The decision-making process is defined in our Act – the scientific panel will make a proposal and then the scientific committee and the FSSAI will look at those, followed by the Health Ministry and ultimately it is tabled before Parliament.

Power subsidy optional in Delhi

Kejriwal says many financially stable citizens said they do not want the benefit

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Starting October 1, residents of Delhi will be offered the opportunity to opt out of subsidy on their power bill, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said on Thursday.

He said the Delhi Cabinet had approved the continuation of the free electricity scheme but had taken into account the suggestion received from many financially stable people that they did not want to benefit from the scheme.

They said that the government should instead spend the money on building schools and hospitals in the city.

Arvind Kejriwal

"The Delhi Cabinet approved the continuation of the free electricity scheme today [on Thursday] wherein, 47,11,176 families are to benefit from the subsidy. All consumers will be given a choice to opt out of the subsidy or continue getting free electricity from October 1. On the basis of the choices registered, we will provide free electricity to those families who wish to seek the benefit of the scheme," Mr. Kejriwal said.

He said the process of asking and giving the people a choice to opt for subsidised or non-subsidised electricity would begin soon.

The government said that there were 58,18,231 power consumer connections in Delhi and the number of subsidised connections in the city total up to 47,16,075 consumers.

Two forms

Domestic consumers get subsidy in two forms, First, those consumers who use up to 200 units a month were given 100% subsidy – there were 30,39,766 such consumers at the moment.

The second category was of those consumers who use 201-400 units, who were given up to ₹800 in subsidy – there were 16,59,976 such consumers.

UN agency in talks with India on wheat procurement

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
UNITED NATIONS

The United Nations' World Food Programme (WFP) has said that it is in discussions with India on procurement of wheat as several countries face food security challenges amid the Ukraine war.

"We are in discussions with India on procurement of wheat. So, that is something which is ongoing," the WFP's Chief Economist Arif Husain said at a news conference here on Wednesday.

He was responding to a question on India having a huge surplus of wheat and whether the organisation was doing anything to utilise this stockpile with India as the Russia-Ukraine war has exacerbated the global food security situation.

To a question on whether restrictions by the World Trade Organisation over how much India can export should be suspended amid the current emergency, Mr. Husain said one of their recommendations is about exemption of the WFP from export bans.

He noted that a couple of weeks ago, several agencies of the UN had encouraged governments not to impose export bans, which then artificially increased the price of major staple commodities. "This is something which is a big recommendation and hopefully, countries are listening," he said.

India's wheat production stood at 109.59 million tonnes in the 2020-21 crop year (July-June).

The World Food Programme launched the 2022 Global Report on Food Crises on Wednesday in which UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said that the war in Ukraine is "supercharging" a three-dimensional crisis - food, energy and finance – with devastating impacts on the world's most vulnerable people, countries and economies.

Minister calls for manual for pensioners

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Union Minister Jitendra Singh on Thursday asked the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW) to bring out a comprehensive "manual for pensioners" to ensure further ease to retired government employees.

Addressing the seventh all-India pension adalat here, he said the DoPPW had introduced reforms, including relaxation in family pension for divorced daughters and divyangs, face recognition technology through mobile app for submitting life certificate.

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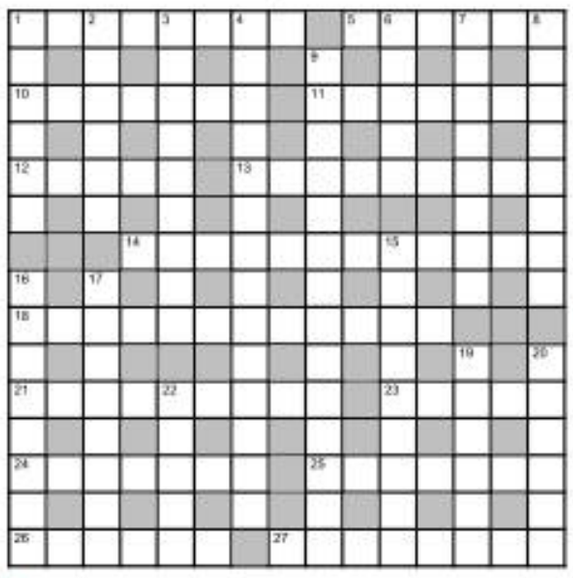

ACROSS

1 Dish, a Roman one, mixed with a bit of cheese (8)
5 Time to sit on roof of straw (6)
10 Character turns to welcome English girl in ceremonial garb (7)
11 Old mate consuming joint, going topless outside (4-3)
12 Sci-fi writer's article in i-pod (5)
13 Will docile greenhorn finally crack quiz? (9)
14 One arrested by angry chief must accept unpleasant consequences (4,3,5)
18 Altogether quick to adopt one right policy by Liberal (5,3,4)
21 Cleric assisting at High Mass badly abused by criminal (3-6)
23 Extent of disruption after British exit (5)
24 Having no erotic desires since getting old, English queen ignored mate (7)
25 Man finishing off large crustacean is member of criminal gang (7)
26 More natural piece of furniture is aesthetic on reflection (6)
27 Irritability of snake near drain around yard (8)

DOWN

1 Slam back drink and play (6)
2 Cheat enthralling girl with a cold alcoholic drink (6)
3 Indisposed in rave after consuming ecstasy with weird cult (9)
4 Where fingernail is rather dirty (4,3,7)
6 Carnivore longing to tuck into meat endlessly (5)
7 Ply crisp sandwiches, most wonderful (8)
8 Dissidents in hotel meeting leader of insurgents in secret perhaps (8)
9 Family doctor and Holmes – they are famous (9,5)
15 Blue marble is rolling closer to edge (9)
16 Kills time, facing senility behind the scenes (8)
17 Questions in examination about Latin manuscript (8)
19 An itch around the corners of the eye (6)
20 Ticklish model getting sexually aroused (6)
22 Deceive, dismissing opener for duck (5)

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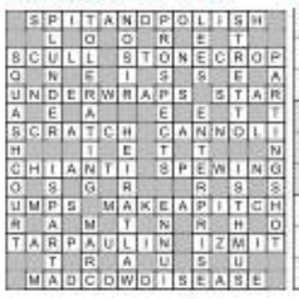

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

The divine connection

Yasoda tied Krishna to a mortar to punish Him for stealing butter. Krishna willingly accepted this punishment. He had stuffed Himself with butter, and His tummy was bulging. Although Yasoda had tied the rope loosely, it was now tight, leaving marks on His waist. Nammazhvar, marvelling at this incident, uses the word "nova", meaning hurt. But Krishna was not the One who felt the hurt, Supreme One that He was. The pain was Nammazhvar's, said V.S. Karunakarachariar in a discourse. Nammazhvar could not bear to think of Lord Krishna being tied. When he thought of this incident, Nammazhvar fainted.

But while Krishna allowed His mother to tie Him up, there was the need for Him to move, to fulfil Narada's words. Narada had once come upon the sons of Kubera in a state of drunkenness on the banks of the sacred river, Akasa Ganga. Narada cursed them and said they would be born as maruthu trees (Terminalia Arjuna). They would take birth in Nandagopa's garden and would be liberated when they were touched by the rope that tied Krishna to a mortar. The sons of Kubera – Nalakubera and Manigriva, were accordingly born in Nandagopa's garden as trees. Now, at last Krishna had been tied up, and their moment of release was near. So Krishna moved, dragging the mortar with Him, and when the rope that was around His waist touched the trees, Nalakubera and Manigriva got their promised release. Krishna did not touch the trees, but the rope that touched Krishna saved them. The message for us is that our connection to those devoted to Him is as life saving as a connection to Him. Just as the rope connected to Krishna saved the sons of Kubera, so also our connection to Acharyas, who in turn are connected to Lord Narayana, will liberate us.

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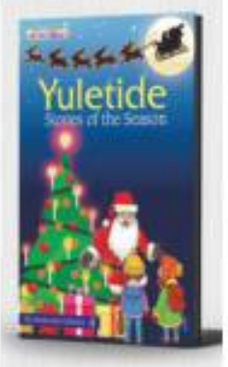

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Prolonged ceasefire needed for Mariupol evacuations: Zelensky

Over 200 civilians are trapped in besieged steel plant as intense fighting rages on

REUTERS
KYIV

Civilians, including women and children, are still trapped inside Ukraine's besieged city of Mariupol and a prolonged ceasefire is needed to ensure their evacuation as Russia presses its assault, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky said on Thursday.

Russia declared victory over Mariupol on April 21 after weeks of siege and shelling. The city is key to Moscow's efforts to cut Ukraine off from the Black Sea – vital for grain and metals exports – and link Russian-controlled territory.

The United Nations and Red Cross evacuated hundreds of people from Mariupol and other areas this week. But some 200 civilians, as well as Ukrainian fighters, are still holed up in a network of underground bunkers in Mariupol's Azovstal steel plant, Ukrainian officials say.

Rising tensions: Smoke rising from the Metallurgical Combine Azovstal in Mariupol on Wednesday. • AP

Russia vowed to pause military activity at Azovstal during Thursday daytime and the following two days to allow civilians to evacuate. In an early morning address, Mr. Zelensky said Ukraine stood ready to ensure a ceasefire in Mariupol.

"It will take time simply to lift people out of those basements, out of those underground shelters. In the present conditions, we can not use heavy equipment to clear the rubble away. It all has to be done by hand," Mr. Zelensky said.

Ukrainian fighters inside Azovstal are fighting "difficult, bloody battles" against Russian troops, Denis Prokopenko, a commander with Ukraine's Azov regiment, said late on Wednesday.

Over 300 civilians were evacuated on Wednesday from Mariupol and other areas as part of a joint UN-Red Cross operation, UN humanitarian coordinator Osnat Lubrani said.

Israel SC upholds order against 8 West Bank hamlets

Around 1,000 people face potential loss of residence

ASSOCIATED PRESS
JERUSALEM

Israel's Supreme Court has upheld a long-standing expulsion order against eight Palestinian hamlets in the occupied West Bank, potentially leaving at least 1,000 people homeless, an Israeli rights group representing the villagers said on Thursday.

The verdict, issued late Wednesday, marks the end of a more than two-decade legal struggle by Palestinians in the Masafer Yatta region of the southern West Bank to maintain communities they say go back decades.

"Without warning in the middle of the night, the Israeli High Court of Justice published a verdict with unprecedented consequences," the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, which has represented the residents, said in a statement.

'Without a roof'

"The High Court has officially authorised leaving entire families, with their children and their elderly, without a roof over their heads," it said.

Roni Pelli, an attorney at the association, said the verdict is final and it's not clear if there are any further legal steps that can be taken. The forcible displacement of the communities could happen at any time, she said.

The military declared the area a firing and training zone in the early 1980s. Israeli authorities have argued that the residents only used the area for seasonal agriculture and had no permanent structures there at the time. In November 1999, security forces expelled some 700 villagers and destroyed homes and cisterns, the association said.

The legal battle began the following year.

In its ruling late Wednesday, the Supreme Court sided with the State and said the villagers had rejected a compromise that would have allowed them to enter the area at certain times and practice agriculture for part of the year.

The military said the ruling had confirmed "that the firing zone was duly declared in accordance with the Military Commander's authority, due to military and security needs."

The families say they have been there for decades, from long before Israel captured the West Bank in the 1967 War.

Israel halted plans to formally annex parts of the West Bank in 2020, but it retains overall control over the territory, with the Palestinian Authority administering major population centers and cooperating with it on security matters.

Nearly 5,00,000 Jewish settlers live in the West Bank, which is home to nearly 3 million Palestinians.

Flashpoint site: Israeli police securing the door of the al-Aqsa mosque during clashes on Thursday. • AFP

Clashes erupt at al-Aqsa mosque compound

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
JERUSALEM

Clashes erupted between Israelis and Palestinians at Jerusalem's al-Aqsa mosque compound on Thursday, after a 10-day cooling of tensions at the holy site, Israeli police said.

The police said they had repelled "dozens of rioters" who had been "throwing stones and other objects" at the security forces. There was a heavy police presence in front of the mosque as groups of Jewish worshippers returned to the site for the first time this month.

The Palestinian Red Crescent said two people had been injured in clashes. The clashes came on the anniversary of Israel's 1948 independence and followed a tense period in which the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan, the Jewish festival of Passover and the Christian holiday of Easter overlapped.

Bennett: Putin apologised for Lavrov's Nazi remarks

Russia makes no mention of apology

ASSOCIATED PRESS
JERUSALEM

Israeli Prime Minister Naftali Bennett said he accepted an apology from Russian President Vladimir Putin on Thursday for controversial remarks about the Holocaust made by his Foreign Minister.

The two leaders talked over the phone, after which an Israeli statement said Mr. Putin had apologised. However, the Russian statement about the call made no mention of an apology.

Instead, it said they emphasised the importance of marking the Nazi defeat in Second World War, which Russia celebrates on Monday.

"The Prime Minister accepted President Putin's apology for Lavrov's remarks and thanked him for clarifying the President's attitude towards the Jewish people and the memory of the Holocaust," Mr. Bennett's office said in a statement.

Mr. Lavrov in an interview to an Italian news channel, had said, "In my opinion, Hitler also had Jewish origins, so it doesn't mean absolutely anything. For some time we have heard from the Jewish people that the biggest anti-semites were Jewish."

Israel's Foreign Minister Yair Lapid had demanded that Russia apologise.

Australia says it poses no threat to Solomon Islands

'We haven't been asked to withdraw'

REUTERS
SYDNEY

Australia will respond calmly to the Solomon Islands after it signed a security pact with China, Prime Minister Scott Morrison said, dismissing a furious response by the leader of the Pacific nation to Western criticism of the deal.

In a fiery speech to Parliament on Tuesday, Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare said "we are threatened with invasion" but he did not name any countries or give evidence for his claim.

"None of that is true," Mr. Morrison said on Thursday, responding to questions from reporters.

Defence Minister Peter Dutton said he didn't believe the comments were directed at Australia, which had defence forces and police personnel in the Solomon Islands at Mr. Sogavare's request.

"I can understand the pressure that Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare is under at the moment, but in Australia, as he said, he finds a good friend," Mr. Dutton said. "We haven't been asked to withdraw," he added.

The security pact has become a major election issue for Mr. Morrison, who faces Opposition criticism that it made Australia "less safe" and was a major failing of diplomacy by his government.

ELSEWHERE

Chinese building collapse toll rises to 26

BEIJING

Chinese authorities raised the number of people confirmed dead in a building collapse to 26 on Thursday, nearly a week after the block containing apartments, a hotel and a cinema caved in and emergency workers launched a rescue operation to pull out survivors. AFP

NASA climate scientist wins World Food Prize

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DES MOINES

A NASA climate research scientist who has spent much of her career explaining how global food production must adapt to a changing climate was awarded the World Food Prize on Thursday.

Cynthia Rosenzweig, an agronomist and climatologist, was awarded the $2,50,000 prize in recognition of her innovative modelling of the impact of climate change on food production. She is a senior research scientist at the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies and serves as adjunct senior research scientist at the Columbia Climate School at Columbia University, both in New York.

Cynthia Rosenzweig

Ms. Rosenzweig said she hopes the win will focus attention on the need to improve food and agricultural systems to lessen the effects of climate change.

"We basically cannot solve climate change unless we address the issues of the greenhouse gas emissions from the food system, and we cannot provide food security for all unless we work really hard to develop resilient systems," she said.

The Des Moines-based World Food Prize Foundation award recognized Ms. Rosenzweig as the founder of the Agricultural Model Inter-comparison and Improvement Project. The organisation draws scientists from around the world and from many disciplines to advance methods for improving predictions of the future performance of agricultural and food systems as the global climate changes.

The foundation credited her work with directly helping decision-makers in more than 90 countries establish plans to prepare for climate change.

U.K. and Japan reach new defence agreement

ASSOCIATED PRESS
LONDON

The militaries of Britain and Japan will "work more closely together" under a defence deal that British Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced during talks with his Japanese counterpart on Thursday.

Mr. Johnson hosted Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida at the British leader's 10 Downing St. residence.

Mr. Johnson's office said the deal will allow the armed forces of the two Group of Seven nations to deploy together for training, exercises and disaster relief.

The Prime Ministers agreed that "democracies around the world needed to stand in unity against authoritarian regimes," the office said after their meeting.

Japan has condemned Russia's invasion and joined Western nations in imposing sanctions against Moscow.

TIRUMALA TIRUPATI DEVASTHANAMS : TIRUPATI
NOTIFICATION No.04/2022 Roc.NO.TTD-99021(31)/6/2022-RECTS SEC-TTD

Name of the Post: Lecturers in Ayurveda, S.V. Ayurvedic College, TTD, No. of Posts: Ten (10).

Sl. No.	Name of the Department / Subject	Posts required to be filled by D.R.	Roster Points
1	Lecturer in Samhitha	01 (01)	6/I-VH(W)-(Backlog)
2	Lecturer in Siddhanth	01 (01)	64/I-BC-D (W)-Backlog)
3	Lecturer in Kriya Sharir	01 (01)	68/I-BC-D
4	Lecturer in Dravyaguna	02 (02)	31/I-HH(Open (Backlog) 69/I-OC
5	Lecturer in Rasashastra	02 (02)	70/I-BC-A, 76/I-OC
6	Lecturer in Agadatantra Evam Vidhi Vaidyaka	01 (01)	52/I-SC (Backlog)
7	Lecturer in Shalakya Tantra	01 (01)	66/I-SC(W)
8	Lecturer in Panchakarma	01 (01)	58/I-ST(W) (Backlog)
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Last Date for receipt of Applications: 21-05-2022 PERSONS PROFESSING HINDU RELIGION SHALL ONLY ELIGIBLE. For further details such as age, scale of pay, qualifications, other terms and conditions, please visit TTD Website www.tirumala.org.

Roc.No.PR4/13942/Adv.No.38/PRO/2022, Dated:05-05-2022 EXECUTIVE OFFICER

MISSING

Hafitha, 20 years, D/o Fathima Hussain, Puthiyayikkaran House, Kalariparambu, Mathilakam, Thrissur District, Kerala is missing since 07.04.2022 and a crime case has been registered at Mathilakam Police Station as Crime 308/2022 U/s 57 of KP Act. If any information about the missed person received, kindly inform the phone numbers mentioned below or at nearest Police Station.

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Sub Inspector of Police, Mathilakam, Kerala - 09497980549,
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No. 1616 / Dated: 4.5.2022
CANCELLATION OF BID IDENTIFICATION NO. SE (RWSS) PLB - 1 / 2022-23
The Bid Indentification No. 1 of 2022-23 invited vide this office No. 1324 dated 4.4.2022 is hereby cancelled due to unavoidable circumstance
(Er. Bikash Chandra Dash)
Superintending Engineer RWS&S Division, Phulbani
D-162 OIPR-25006/11/0007/2223

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(PROJECT ORGANISATION)
Corrigendum No.1

The modifications under Amendment & Corrigendum No.1 for **E-Tender Notice No: SG/PROJ /I/MS/IP-MPLS 92 STATIONS /TPJ&MDU Phase III (Reach 1) / 2022/ EOT (01) Dated: 08.04.2022 are as detailed below:**

1) Particulars: Tender Closing Date Time: As published in the Website 18.05.2022 14.00 **To be read as** 25.05.2022 14.00

2) Chapter 4A6.Proof of concept As published in the Website (i) Bidder found Successful---- **To be read as** (i)Bidder found Successful ---- viii) POC conducted by OEMs--- (addition) ix) After awarding -----(addition)

1.Tenderers are requested to consider the revised tender document.
2.Revised tender Notice and Tender document are available in the website **www.ireps.gov.in**
3.All the term and conditions shall remain unchanged.

Deputy Chief Signal & Telecommunication Engineer, Project-1, Chetpet, Chennai - 31

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ODISHA JOINT ENTRANCE EXAMINATION-2021 (OJEE-2021)

No:- OJEE / 201 **Date-05/05/2022**

Notice for

SPOT ROUND COUNSELLING FOR BAMS/BHMS COURSES

The Spot Round of Counselling for admission to BAMS/BHMS courses for the academic session 2021-22 is scheduled to be held at OJEE CELL, Gandamunda, Bhubaneswar on **09.05.2022** as per the schedule given in OJEE website.

All the registered / unregistered 'All India NEET (UG)' rank holders (as per relevant AYUSH notifications), irrespective of their admission status, who are interested to take part in spot round counselling, have to report at OJEE Cell as per schedule.

Candidates are advised to visit OJEE website **(www.ojee.nic.in)** for detailed information.

Sd/- CHAIRMAN, OJEE

h-55 OIPR-14020/11/0005/2223

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
COMMISSIONERATE FOR WELFARE OF THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED
5, LADY WILLINGDON COLLEGE CAMPUS, KAMARAJAR SALAI, CHENNAI - 600 005.

Roc.No.2355 /A&A/2022 **TENDER NOTICE** Dated : 04.05.2022

Sealed Tenders are invited from **06.5.2022** from reputed manufacturers /distributors for the supply of the assistive devices as detailed in the department website in **www.scd.tn.gov.in**

Under 'e-tender' system, the tenderers may download the tender documents in the "**www.tenders.tn.gov.in**" website.

The participating Tenderers should submit a sample along with tender application.

Director for welfare the Differently Abled, Chennai-600 005 reserves the right to accept or reject the tenders without assigning any reason.

The rates finalized through this tender is also applicable to the supplies under Government and other schemes.

DIPR/ 2152 /TENDER/2022 **Deputy Director**

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NOTICE

Pursuant to the Advertisement No. 65/OMC dated 04.01.2022, Computer Based Test (CBT) conducted on 17.03.2022 and the Computer Proficiency Test (CPT) held on 30.04.2022, the Document Verification of the provisionally shortlisted candidates for the post of Jr. Accountant shall be conducted on 10.05.2022 at IDCOL Auditorium, IDCOL House, Near IG Park, Unit-2, Ashok Nagar, Bhubaneswar. For this purpose, a notice containing details of Application Sequence No., Roll No. & name of the provisionally shortlisted candidates has been displayed in OMC website (https://omcltd.in).

Sd/-
General Manager (P&A)

NB: *Candidates are advised to check the OMC website (https://omcltd.in) regularly for further updates*

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MARKET WATCH

	05-05-2022	% CHANGE
Sensex	55,702	0.06
US Dollar	76.35	0.06
Gold	51,081	0.94
Brent oil	108.24	-0.12

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	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Ports	811.35	-1.45
Apollo Hosp	3949.10	-64.20
Asian Paints	3076.55	-24.30
Axis Bank	702.35	-4.85
Bajaj Auto	3523.90	27.00
Bajaj Finserv	14139.25	-183.20
Bajaj Finance	6309.45	-30.30
Bharti Airtel	718.95	-3.45
BPCL	361.00	-2.45
Britannia Ind	3277.00	-108.45
Cipla	948.40	-9.15
Coal India	185.85	-1.50
Divis Lab	4365.80	21.65
Dr Reddys Lab	3963.80	-28.55
Eicher Motors	2433.55	-49.65
Grasim Ind	1606.90	-15.35
HCL Tech	1072.05	27.10
HDFC	2215.40	8.45
HDFC Bank	1352.95	-3.05
HDFC Life	569.75	2.15
Hero MotoCorp	2501.65	92.15
Hindalco	461.60	-0.05
Hind Unilever	2166.60	-4.95
ICICI Bank	728.80	4.55
Indusind Bank	936.80	-41.50
Infosys	1585.15	49.60
ITC	262.05	2.30
JSW Steel	707.75	-3.80
Kotak Bank	1797.60	22.00
L&T	1637.65	3.70
M&M	899.05	2.95
Maruti Suzuki	7407.65	9.75
Nestle India Ltd.	17603.75	-484.00
NTPC	158.40	-0.25
ONGC	164.85	2.60
PowerGrid Corp	233.75	-3.85
Reliance Ind	2640.90	-52.75
SBI Life	1083.65	5.80
State Bank	480.00	0.35
Shree Cement	25088.65	-104.85
Sun Pharma	878.15	-22.75
Tata Consumer Products Ltd.	776.35	-26.95
Tata Motors	426.30	2.80
Tata Steel	1284.25	22.90
TCS	3513.40	33.65
Tech Mahindra	1263.35	50.55
Titan	2262.00	-27.95
UltraTech Cement	6355.70	-166.25
UPL	823.25	-0.95
Wipro	501.15	9.40

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on May 05

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	76.21	76.53
Euro	80.25	80.58
British Pound	95.37	95.77
Japanese Yen (100)	58.63	58.88
Chinese Yuan	11.53	11.58
Swiss Franc	77.59	78.02
Singapore Dollar	55.11	55.36
Canadian Dollar	59.48	59.73
Malaysian Ringitt	17.49	17.64
Australian Dollar	54.31	54.54

Source:Indian Bank

IN BRIEF

Tata Motors unveils Ace EV, bags 39,000 orders

MUMBAI

Tata Motors on Thursday unveiled the all-new Tata Ace EV, the electric version of its small commercial vehicle Ace. The EV will be commercially available in the next quarter and initially supplied to the e-com firms that have collectively placed an order for 39,000 units, Tata Motors said.

Future sells 25% in general insurance JV

HYDERABAD

Future Enterprises said it had sold 25% stake in general insurance joint venture Future Generali India Insurance Company (FGIICL) to its partner Generali Participations Netherlands N.V. for ₹1,266.07 crore. After the sale, Future Enterprises continues to hold, both directly and indirectly, 24.91% in FGIICL, the firm said in a filing on Thursday.

PMI flags fastest services growth in five months, input costs soar

April export orders dip the most since Sept.; inflation fears dampen sentiment

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

New business and output from India's services sector grew at the fastest pace in five months in April, as per the S&P Global India Services PMI, which increased to 57.9, from 53.6 in March. The survey showed selling prices surged at the sharpest pace since July 2017 amid a near-record upturn in input costs.

Inflation concerns continued to dampen business confidence, even as employment rose for the first time in five months, as per the survey-based index. A reading of 50 on the PMI signals no change in business activity.

"International demand for Indian services worsened in April, a trend that has been recorded in each month since the onset of COVID-19 in March 2020," S&P Global said. "New orders from abroad fell at a marked pace that was the quickest since September 2021," it added.

Job hopes: Employment increased for the first time in five months, as per the survey-based index. • B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

Real estate and business services sectors were the only ones to report a contraction in new orders and output during April, while consumer services, finance and insurance were the best performers. Businesses reported higher chemical, food, fuel, labour, material and retail costs in April with the overall inflation in inputs rising at the second-strongest pace since PMI data collection started in 2005.

Some firms also reported higher wage costs, which escalated overall expenses.

"Yet, companies resumed their hiring efforts in April, as seen by the first increase in employment since last November. Firms that took on extra staff linked the rise to ongoing growth of new business," S&P Global observed.

Retail auto sales climbed 37% on low base: FADA

'Numbers declined 6% over April 2019'

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
NEW DELHI

Retail sales of automobiles in India grew 37% last month to 16,27,975 units, helped by the low base from a year earlier because of the lockdowns during second wave of COVID-19, according to the Federation of Automobile Dealers Associations (FADA).

Noting that retail sales were yet to recover from the "jitters of COVID", the federation added that the RBI's move to raise the benchmark rate would make auto loans more expensive.

It said private consumption was regaining traction backed by a recuperating contact-intensive services industry and rising discretionary spending. Passenger-vehicle registrations rose 25% to 2,64,342 units last month from a year earlier, FADA said. Two-wheelers grew 38% to 11,94,520, while commercial vehicles soared 52% to 78,398 units.

Compared with April 2019, last month's retail sales showed a 6% dip, FADA president Vinkesh Gulati said, pointing out that the sector was hence not out of the woods yet.

War-induced inflation surge said to have forced RBI's hand

April CPI inflation likely to be a 'shocker', people familiar say

LALATENDU MISHRA
MUMBAI

An unexpectedly rapid surge in 'war-induced inflation' in March and April forced the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) to hold an emergency off-cycle meeting this week and announce the first repo rate increase in more than three-and-a-half years, people familiar with the central bank's thinking said.

The inflation print for March, which was announced on April 12 four days after the MPC had concluded its first policy review of the new fiscal year, had ended up 50 basis points higher than the RBI's forecast at almost 7% and with the reading for April expected to be even higher and a 'big shocker', it became imperative for the MPC to meet urgently to take timely action, the people, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, explained.

Indonesia's sudden decision to completely ban exports of palm oil had also added to the concern.

Any further delay could have turned counterproductive as the Indian economy has no capacity to withstand a larger rate increase, say of 150-200 bps, they added.

With the RBI detecting signals that there could be a nasty inflation surprise on May 12 (when the April CPI data are expected to be released) it decided to space out its policy response, the people said.

Going forward, the RBI aims to reverse its previous pandemic-triggered rate moves in small steps, much the same way it had reduced rates during the pandemic, they observed.

TVS Motor Q4 net profit declines 5% to ₹275 cr.

Board elevates Sudarshan Venu as MD

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

TVS Motor Company Ltd. on Thursday reported a 5% dip in its standalone net profit for the fourth quarter ended March to ₹275 crore on flat sales volume.

Revenue from operations grew 4% to ₹5,530 crore, the firm said in a statement.

For the three-month period, motorcycle sales registered 2% growth to 4.42 lakh units while scooter sales was marginally down to 2.62 lakh units from 2.98 lakh units. Three-wheeler sales remained almost flat at 0.42 lakh units (0.41 lakh units).

For FY22, net profit grew 46% to ₹894 crore while revenue from operations rose 24% to ₹20,791 crore. Overall two and three-wheeler sales, including exports grew 8% to 33.10 lakh units.

Sudarshan Venu

On Thursday, the board elevated Sudarshan Venu as managing director.

"Sudarshan's extraordinary efforts have witnessed key decisions to develop aspirational products and grow fast in India and overseas," said Venu Srinivasan, chairman emeritus.

Adani Power Q4 net jumps 357-fold

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Adani Power's consolidated net profit jumped multifold to ₹4,645.47 crore in the March quarter from ₹13.13 crore in the year-earlier period, mainly on the back of higher revenues.

Total income surged 93% to ₹13,308 crore in the March quarter, from ₹6,902 crore in the same period a year earlier, the firm said in a statement.

"Revenue for Q4 FY 2021-22 includes prior-period revenue from operations of ₹2,946 crore, and prior-period other income of ₹1,982 crore," Adani Power said.

The consolidated net profit for 2021-22 climbed to ₹4,911.58 crore, from ₹1,269.98 crore in 2020-21.

Chola firm CIFCL Q4 net almost triples

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Co. Ltd. (CIFCL) on Thursday reported a 184% rise in standalone net profit for the quarter ended March to ₹690 crore, aided by recovery in both auto and mortgage industries.

Total revenue from operations grew to ₹2,580 crore from ₹2,461 crore. Disbursements climbed 58% to ₹12,718 crore. All major commercial vehicle OEMs saw double-digit growth in March, aided by a pickup in infrastructure projects and growth in the logistics sector, CIFCL said.

Cognizant Q1 net income rises 11.5% on digital push

Revenue grows 9.7% to $4.82 billion

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

U.S.-based IT services company Cognizant, which has 70% of its workforce in India, posted an 11.5% increase in net income to $563 million for the first quarter ended March on account of growth in digital revenue.

Cognizant also said it plans to hire more than 50,000 freshers from campuses in India and expects to cross a revenue of $20 billion this year.

The firm's revenue increased by 9.65% to $4.82 billion from $4.4 billion in the corresponding quarter of 2021.

Brian Humphries

"Our portfolio and capabilities are in strong demand as digital technologies move into the heart of organizations' operating models and processes," Cognizant CEO Brian Humphries said. Cognizant's digital revenue grew 20% year-over-year.

ICICI Bank, 3 PSBs raise lending rates

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Private sector lender ICICI Bank revised its external benchmark lending rate (EBLR) to 8.1%, and state-owned Bank of Baroda raised the rate to 6.9% with immediate effect, following the RBI's decision to raise the key repo rate.

Bank of India and Central Bank of India have also raised their respective repo-linked lending rates to 7.25%. The RBI's move will likely push up borrowing costs for most personal, auto and home loans as post-October 2019, loans had been linked to the repo rate by mandate.

Tea exports drop 2.4% in first 11 months of FY22

Freight rates, container shortfall cited

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
KOLKATA

Tea exports declined by 2.4% to 184.35 million kg during the April-February period of last fiscal, according to the latest Tea Board data. The value of exports in the first 11 months of 2021-22 increased marginally to ₹4,956 crore as compared with ₹4,933 crore.

CIS countries, including Russia and Ukraine, imported 41.18 million kg, the highest among the overseas destinations of Indian tea, during the period under review from 46.19 million in the year-earlier period.

Within the CIS bloc, Russia was the main importer with a shipment of 31.88 million kg in April-February period of 2021-22, down from 33.65 million kg in the same period previous year, according to the data.

Iran was the second largest importer of Indian tea at 27.25 million kg, marginally up from 26.48 million in the first 11 months of the 2020-21. According to tea industry sources, exports were lower due to shortage of shipping containers and high ocean freight.

Tea exports fell to 195.50 million kg in the 2021 calendar year from 209.72 million in 2020, the board data said.

SPORT

Anand, Gelfand to train Indian Olympiad team

The legends will work in tandem at the May 7-17 coaching camp

CHESS

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT
CHENNAI

Five-time World Champion Viswanathan Anand and Israel's Boris Gelfand will work in tandem to guide the Indian team for the 44th Chess Olympiad.

According to a release here on Thursday, the All India Chess Federation (AICF) has brought the two legends together for the home team's first coaching camp to be held at Hotel Leela here from May 7 to 17.

Gelfand, who won the World Cup in 2009 and has played 11 Olympiads, and Anand will train members of the first teams in the open as well as women's sections.

Koneru Humpy, former World champion in rapid chess, believes the decision to appoint Gelfand in addition to mentor Anand, will motivate the players ahead of the Olympiad set to begin here on July 28.

Anand and Gelfand... the guiding force. • FILE PHOTO

"I don't often participate in coaching camps, but this time having Gelfand and Anand as coach and mentor will definitely motivate the team and for sure there will be a lot to learn from their experience," she said.

Members of the first team in the open section – Vidit Gujrathi, P. Harikrishna, Arjun Erigaisi, S.L. Narayanan and K. Sasikiran – and in the women's section – Koneru Humpy, D. Harika, R. Vaishali, Tania Sachdev and Bhakti Kulkarni – will take part in the camp along with their respective coaches Srinath Narayanan and Abhijit Kunte. Arjun and Sasikiran, who are currently playing tournaments in Europe, will join the camp a couple of days later.

Humpy. • FILE PHOTO: K.V.S. GIRI

"I am a big fan of his [Gelfand] and this is the first time I will be training with such a strong player though we have played a few games against each other," Sasikiran said.

Sony Sports to air French Open live

Time to resume Nadal-Djokovic rivalry, says FTF chief

TENNIS

S. DIPAK RAGAV
CHENNAI

Roland Garros is ready to witness resumption of the rivalry between 13-time French Open winner Rafael Nadal and defending champion Novak Djokovic later this month, says French Tennis Federation president Gilles Moretton.

Speaking to *The Hindu* on the occasion of the FTF signing an agreement with Sony Sports to air the French Open live in India, Moretton said: "We expected (Novak) Djokovic to win the Australian Open, but the surprise came from Nadal on the hard courts.

"He knows that on clay he can claim another title to cement his status as the leader of the competition with Djokovic and Federer.

Djokovic and Nadal. • FILE PHOTO

"At the same time, Djokovic, because of the events at the beginning of the year (when he was deported from Australia), would like to probably add titles and defend his crown," said Moretton, a former tennis player himself.

Moretton said there would be full-capacity crowds at Roland Garros this year as pandemic restrictions had been eased and backed Nadal to be favourite.

He also hoped some of the upcoming players – like last year's runner-up Stefanos Tsitsipas, young Spaniard Carlos Alcaraz and Italian Jannik Sinner – would do well and pull off a surprise.

On the women's side, Moretton backed World No. 1 and 2020 champion Iga Swiatek, who is on a roll, as the favourite.

"Also Simona Halep is doing well with a new coach and we have our French player Alize Cornet. I will be happy to see players like Emma Raducanu and Leylah Fernandez get back to the top. What they did at the US Open last year was a fresh surprise," said Moretton.

(Sony Sports Network is the official broadcaster for the French Open).

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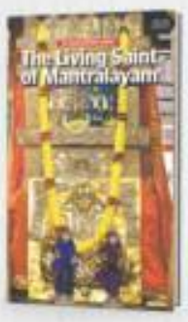

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The Warner-Powell show sets up Capitals' win over Sunrisers

Aussie slams a record 89th half-century in T20s while the West Indian smashes a 35-ball 67 to take Delhi to 207; the target proves too steep for Hyderabad

IPL 2022

P.K. AJITH KUMAR
MUMBAI

David Warner could erase those bad memories now.

In the second half of the last IPL, he had posted on social media a photo from his hotel room while his franchise since 2014, Sunrisers Hyderabad, was playing Rajasthan Royals at Dubai. It was baffling why someone who had led the side to a title-triumph wasn't even in the dugout.

On Thursday night at the Brabourne Stadium here, he was back in the field for a match featuring Sunrisers. This time, though, he was in the rival team, Delhi Capitals.

His determined 92 not out (58b, 12x4, 3x6) set up Capitals' 21-run victory. But for a stunning innings from Nicholas Pooran (62, 34b, 2x4, 6x6), the margin would have been much bigger.

As long as Pooran was at the wicket, Sunrisers was in the game, chasing 208. But once he was caught at long-on off a full toss from Shardul Thakur in the 18th over, it was curtains.

Sunrisers had been reduced to 37 for three by the seventh over, but Aiden Markram (42, 25b) and Pooran brought their side back into the contest before the chase fizzled out.

Capitals now has 10 points, the same as Sunrisers and Punjab Kings. The race for the playoffs spots is getting exciting.

Earlier, Warner was unlucky to have missed out on what would have been a remarkable hundred. But, as his fourth-wicket partner Rovman Powell would reveal at the end of the innings, the Aussie had replied in the negative when the West Indian asked him if he needed a single at the beginning of the final over.

Warner still reached a couple of milestones: he overtook Chris Gayle's record for most fifties in T20 cricket. This was his 89th. He also hit his 400th six in the format.

He was only second-best though in the six-hitting competition in this innings. Powell smashed six of them in his brutal knock of 67 not out off just 35 balls (3x4).

The unfinished fourth-wicket stand of 122 came off just 66 balls.

If Powell's batting was an exhibition of Caribbean power-hitting, Warner anchored the innings sensibly even as he came up with some big hits himself. The duo, along with skipper Rishabh Pant (26, 16b, 1x4, 3x6), tore the Sunrisers bowling apart.

The innings also saw Umran Malik beating his own record for the season's fastest ball, clocking 157 kmph. He bowled really fast through, but the deliveries disappeared faster. Such was the mood Warner and Powell were in.

Dazzling duo: Warner anchored the Capitals innings with an unbeaten 92 while Powell waded into the Sunrisers attack to remain not out on 67. •SPORTZPICS/IPL

- Umran clocks 157 kmph, beats his own record for the season's fastest delivery. He, however, concedes 52 runs

Next assignment

SRH: May 8 vs. **RCB**
Wankhede, 3.30 p.m.

DC: May 8 vs. **CSK**
DY Patil, 7.30 p.m.

Warner at the summit

Warner's blitz against Sunrisers took him past Gayle for most fifties in T20s. A list of the top-10:

50s	Player	Country	Runs	SR	Avg
89	**David Warner**	**Aus**	**10664**	**141.36**	**38.22**
88	Chris Gayle	WI	14562	144.75	36.22
77	Virat Kohli	Ind	10489	132.72	40.34
71	Shoaib Malik	Pak	11698	127.13	36.55
70	Aaron Finch	Aus	10571	139.84	33.77
69	Rohit Sharma	Ind	10050	133.57	31.50
69	AB de Villiers	RSA	9424	150.13	37.24
67	Babar Azam	Pak	7880	128.08	45.28
66	Shikhar Dhawan	Ind	9144	124.78	32.89
59	Lendl Simmons	WI	7756	119.19	29.83

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SCOREBOARD

DELHI CAPITALS
Mandeep Singh c Pooran b Bhuvneshwar 0 *(5b)*, David Warner (not out) 92 *(58b, 12x4, 3x6)*, Mitchell Marsh c & b Abbott 10 *(7b, 2x4)*, Rishabh Pant b Shreyas Gopal 26 *(16b, 1x4, 3x6)*, Rovman Powell (not out) 67 *(35b, 3x4, 6x6)*; Extras (b-1, w-10, nb-1): 12; Total (for three wkts. in 20 overs): 207.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-0 (Mandeep, 0.5 ov), 2-37 (Marsh, 4.2), 3-85 (Pant, 8.6).

SUNRISERS BOWLING
Bhuvneshwar 4-1-25-1, Abbott 4-0-47-1, Umran 4-0-52-0, Tyagi 4-0-37-0, Shreyas Gopal 3-0-34-1, Markram 1-0-11-0.

SUNRISERS HYDERABAD
Abhishek Sharma c Kuldeep b Khaleel 7 *(6b, 1x4)*, Kane Williamson c Pant b Nortje 4 *(11b, 1x4)*, Rahul Tripathi c Shardul b Marsh 22 *(18b, 2x4, 1x6)*, Aiden Markram c Kuldeep b Khaleel 42 *(25b, 4x4, 3x6)*, Nicholas Pooran c Powell b Shardul 62 *(34b, 2x4, 6x6)*, Shashank Singh c Nortje b Shardul 10 *(6b, 2x4)*, Sean Abbott c Ripal b Khaleel 7 *(5b, 1x6)*; Shreyas Gopal (not out) 9 *(7b, 2x4)*, Kartik Tyagi b Kuldeep 7 *(5b, 1x4)*, Bhuvneshwar Kumar (not out) 5 *(3b, 1x4)*; Extras (lb-1, w-10): 11; Total (for eight wkts. in 20 overs): 186.

FALL OF WICKETS
1-8 (Abhishek, 1.3), 2-24 (Williamson, 4.2), 3-37 (Tripathi, 6.6), 4-97 (Markram, 12.5), 5-134 (Shashank, 14.5), 6-153 (Abbott, 16.4), 7-165 (Pooran, 17.5), 8-181 (Tyagi, 19.1).

CAPITALS BOWLING
Shardul 4-0-44-2, Khaleel 4-0-30-3, Nortje 4-0-35-1, Marsh 4-0-36-1, Kuldeep Yadav 4-0-40-1.

Toss: SRH.
MoM: Warner.
DC won by 21 runs.

Innings scan

SRH		DC
47	Dots	54
18	Fours	16
12	Sixes	11
50/2	PP	35/2
10.35	RR	9.30

It's table-topper versus basement-dweller

Gujarat Titans seeks consolidation, Mumbai Indians looks to carry momentum

P.K. AJITH KUMAR
MUMBAI

In this game of glorious uncertainties, one of the few constants of the season has been the underwhelming show by Mumbai Indians.

The win against Rajasthan Royals at Navi Mumbai, which ended what had seemed a never-ending run of losses, may have come too late, but it must have helped Rohit Sharma's men regain some of their self-belief.

Self-belief

They will need plenty of that when they take on Gujarat Titans at the Brabourne Stadium here on Friday in the clash between IPL's table-topper and basement-dweller.

Titans, which has thus far lived up to its name, is closer to the playoffs than any other team, having lost just two of 10 games.

Ironically, the key contributor to the superb campaign, has been a former Mumbai Indians man. Hardik Pandya, who had been with the five-time champion since 2015 before being released ahead of the mega auction, has led from the front.

He is Titans' leading scorer with 309 runs. Shubman Gill and David Miller, too, are in good nick. If the top-order doesn't click, there is Rahul Tewatia to whack those sixes.

Titans has also been served well by its strong attack featuring Mohammed Shami, Lockie Ferguson and Rashid Khan.

As for Mumbai Indians, it will be hoping that Rohit is amongst the runs again, which would ease the pressure on Suryakumar Yadav and Tilak Varma. It also needs the bowlers to continue from where they left off at Navi Mumbai.

Hardik and Rohit will be eager to fire. •SPORTZPICS/IPL

TODAY'S MATCH

GUJARAT TITANS vs. MUMBAI INDIANS

BRABOURNE, 7.30 P.M.

HEAD-TO-HEAD
FIRST MEETING

STAR SPORTS 1 (SD & HD)

'RCB's most important win of the season'

Just an indication of the team's resolve, says Aussie pacer Hazlewood

Meaning business: Hazlewood choked the run-flow and also got rid of Dhoni. •SPORTZPICS/IPL

AMOL KARHADKAR
PUNE

Moments after having made his former teammates regret being at the wrong end of his accurate bowling and, more importantly, having helped Royal Challengers Bangalore resurrect its campaign, pacer Josh Hazlewood termed his team's win against Chennai Super Kings "the most important" of the season.

"It's probably our most important victory of the tournament so far. We're sort of at a point where we need to win every game to make the playoffs. Tonight was the first step," Hazlewood said on Sunday, after RCB successfully defended 172 for eight.

"We were a bit flat in the last three games, so there were things to work on in batting, bowling and on the field. So, it was good to see us going out and getting our chances, creating our chances. Yeah, it's our most important victory so far."

Having lost three games on the trot, the victory helped RCB regain a top-four slot.

Hazlewood played a huge role, bowling two overs for just six runs at the start. He then teamed up with Harshal Patel at the death to defend 52 runs in the last four overs without any fuss.

The Australian had high praise for Faf du Plessis, his former CSK mate who is now in charge at RCB.

"Obviously Fafs knows my game, so it's great to have him around at mid-on or mid-off discussing plans. And we sort of read each other pretty well," Hazlewood said.

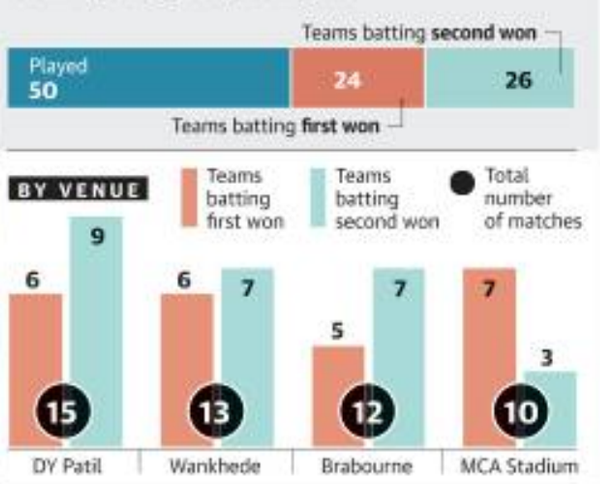
POINTS TABLE

Team	M	W	L	PTS	NRR
Gujarat Titans	10	8	2	**16**	0.158
Lucknow Super Giants	10	7	3	**14**	0.397
Rajasthan Royals	10	6	4	**12**	0.340
Royal Challengers Bangalore	11	6	5	**12**	-0.444
Delhi Capitals	10	5	5	**10**	0.641
Sunrisers Hyderabad	10	5	5	**10**	0.325
Punjab Kings	10	5	5	**10**	-0.229
Kolkata Knight Riders	10	4	6	**8**	0.060
Chennai Super Kings	10	3	7	**6**	-0.431
Mumbai Indians	9	1	8	**2**	-0.836

AFTER THE DC-SRH MATCH ON MAY 5

Defend or chase?

It is a skipper's eternal dilemma: to bat or bowl first. With IPL-2022 reaching a half-century, the numbers indicate that there is little to choose between defending a target or pursuing one



BY TEAM

		BATTING FIRST		BATTING SECOND	
	P	M	W	M	W
Gujarat Titans	10	5	3	5	5
Lucknow Super Giants	10	6	5	4	2
Rajasthan Royals	10	9	6	1	0
Royal Challengers	11	6	3	5	3
Delhi Capitals	10	3	2	7	3
Sunrisers Hyderabad	10	1	0	9	5
Punjab Kings	10	7	3	3	2
Kolkata Knight Riders	10	3	0	7	4
Chennai Super Kings	10	6	2	4	1
Mumbai Indians	9	4	0	5	1

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STATS UP TO THE DC-SRH MATCH ON MAY 5

Nadal stages an incredible comeback

The Spaniard saves four match points, overcomes Goffin in a thriller

MADRID OPEN

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MADRID

Rafael Nadal saved four match points before outlasting David Goffin in three sets to reach the Madrid Open quarterfinals on Thursday.

Nadal needed more than three hours to win 6-3, 5-7, 7-6(9) in only his second match after an injury layoff.

"I knew before I arrived that this was going to be a complicated week," Nadal said. "Whatever happens now, to win two matches here is fantastic news for me."

Murray, a two-time champion, announced he had to withdraw not long before he was scheduled to take the court against the top-ranked Djokovic in the third round.

It would have been the first time Murray and Djokovic played against each other since the Serb won the Doha final in 2017.

The 78th-ranked Murray had won his first two matches in Madrid, defeating Dominic Thiem and Denis Shapovalov. Djokovic's next opponent will be 12th-seeded Hubert Hurkacz, who defeated qualifier Dusan Lajovic 7-5, 6-3.

Andrey Rublev, who beat Djokovic in the Serbia final, advanced to the quarterfinals after a hard-fought 7-6 (7), 7-5 win over Daniel Evans in nearly two and a half hours.

Rublev will face fourth-seeded Stefanos Tsitsipas, who defeated Grigor Dimitrov 6-3, 6-4.

Defending champion Alexander Zverev advanced after qualifier Lorenzo Musetti retired with a left thigh injury while losing 6-3, 1-0.

The results (third round):

Auger-Aliassime bt Sinner 6-1, 6-2; Tsitsipas bt Dimitrov 6-3, 6-4; Nadal bt Goffin 6-3, 5-7, 7-6(9).

Djokovic w/o Murray; Rublev bt Evans 7-6(7), 7-5; Hurkacz bt Lajovic 7-5, 6-3; Zverev bt Musetti 6-3, 1-0, retd.

Powering through: Rublev reached the seventh Masters 1000 quarterfinal of his career. •GETTY IMAGES

Essex fined for racism

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LONDON

English county cricket team Essex was fined £50,000 ($61,900) on Thursday in relation to a racist comment allegedly made by its then-chairman at a board meeting in 2017.

John Faragher, who quit his position last year, has denied what was described in the charge as "using racist and discriminatory terminology." However, Essex pleaded guilty to the charge as well as a failure to conduct an investigation once the allegations became known to all board members in January 2018.

Essex must pay £35,000 ($43,300) immediately, while the remaining £15,000 ($18,600) was suspended for two years.

The club was also warned as to its further conduct and given a reprimand. An independent disciplinary panel said that there has still not been an internal investigation by Essex, despite attempts by its new chief executive John Stephenson.

TV PICKS

NBA: Sports 18, Vh1, Voot Select, MTV & Jio TV, 7 a.m.

IPL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.

Bundesliga: Sony Ten 2 (SD & HD) & Sony LIV, 12 a.m. (Saturday).

IN BRIEF

Paul shines for Suns in win over Mavericks

LOS ANGELES

Chris Paul and Phoenix Suns poured it on in the fourth quarter, pulling away for a 129-109 victory over Dallas Mavericks and a 2-0 lead in their NBA playoff series. Meanwhile, in Miami, Heat defeated Philadelphia 76ers 119-103 to take a 2-0 lead. **The results: EC:** Miami 119 bt Philadelphia 103 (Miami leads 2-0); **WC:** Phoenix 129 bt Dallas 109 (Phoenix leads 2-0). AFP

Hansini wins U-13 WTT Youth Contender crown

LINZ (AUSTRIA)

M.R. Hansini beat Romania's Andreea Baisu 11-3, 7-11, 9 -11, 11-0, 11-8 to claim the under-13 girls title in World Table Tennis Youth Contender tournament held here recently. Hansini also secured a bronze in the u-15 category.

Dhanush and badminton team win gold medals

CAXIAS DO SUL (BRAZIL)

Dhanush Srikanth and Shourya Saini won gold and bronze medals respectively in the men's 10m air rifle title at the 24th Deaflympics here on Wednesday. Later, the Indian badminton team won gold beating Japan 3-1. PTI

TOPS okays extension of Neeraj's training in Turkey

NEW DELHI

The Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) has approved Olympic gold medallist Neeraj Chopra's proposal to provide financial assistance of ₹5.5 lakh approximately for extension of his training camp in Turkey. The star javelin thrower made a joint proposal alongside the Athletics Federation of India (AFI). He is currently training at the Gloria Sports Arena in Antalya. PTI

Indian GP meets shifted from Madurai to Tvm

KOCHI

The Athletics Federation of India has shifted the third and fourth Indian Grand Prix meets from Madurai to Thiruvananthapuram. The dates (May 17 and 21) remain the same and the two GP legs will be held at the SAI-LNCPE track which was relaid recently.

Gayatri Gopichand to miss Uber Cup

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NEW DELHI

Rising Indian doubles player Gayatri Gopichand has pulled out of the upcoming Uber Cup Finals after being advised rest to recover from a strain in hip joints.

The development was, on Thursday, confirmed to *PTI* by Badminton Association of India (BAI) secretary Sanjay Mishra.

The tournament will begin in Bangkok on Sunday.

Gayatri, who forms the women's doubles with Treesa Jolly, has been in good form of late.

It's inevitable, Real Madrid storms into another final

The newly-crowned Spanish champion whips up yet another stirring comeback to douse Manchester City's hopes

Bullet header: Rodrygo, third left, rises above the static City defence to take the game to extra time. • AP

Small margins: Grealish's attempt goes agonisingly wide after brushing the studs of Courtois. • REUTERS

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

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MADRID

Real Madrid has done it again.

The 13-time European champion produced yet another magical Champions League night at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium on Wednesday, rallying late with two goals in two minutes by substitute Rodrygo to force extra time and defeat Manchester City 3-1 to reach its first final in four seasons.

Karim Benzema, the hero of Madrid's previous Champions League comebacks this season, converted a penalty kick in extra time for the decisive goal that allowed Madrid to advance 6-5 on aggregate after a 4-3 first-leg semifinal loss in which it escaped losing by a bigger margin.

Madrid had already pulled off thrilling comebacks at the Bernabeu against Paris Saint-Germain in the round of 16 and Chelsea in the quarterfinals.

By doing it again against City, Madrid booked a spot in the May 28 final in Paris against Liverpool. Madrid defeated Liverpool in the 2018 final, when the Spanish powerhouse clinched its record-extending 13th title.

> **If you have to say why, it is the history of this club that helps us to keep going when it seems that we are gone**
>
> CARLO ANCELOTTI
> Real Madrid coach

The result ended City's latest quest for its first Champions League trophy. Pep Guardiola's team lost in the final last year to Chelsea.

Madrid looked beaten near the end of regulation when Rodrygo scored his goals two minutes apart. Riyad Mahrez had put City ahead in the 73rd but the Brazilian forward equalised in the 90th and got the go-ahead goal with a header a minute into stoppage time.

> **We didn't play our best. A semifinal, the players feel the pressure and wanting to do it. Football is unpredictable**
>
> PEP GUARDIOLA
> Manchester City coach

Crucial clearance

A few minutes before Rodrygo's first goal, Ferland Mendy had saved Madrid from conceding a second goal that could have sealed City's qualification by clearing the ball in front of the goal line while tumbling backward to keep an attempt by Jack Grealish from going in.

Madrid goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois moments later saved a Grealish shot with the bottom of his cleat.

Madrid carried all the momentum into extra time and Benzema gave the hosts the 3-1 lead by converting a 95th-minute penalty kick after he was fouled inside the area.

The result: Semifinal, second leg: Real Madrid 3 (Rodrygo 90, 90+1, Benzema 95-pen) bt Manchester City 1 (Mahrez 73) (After extra time. Real won 6-5 on aggregate).

On a high: Real's players celebrate at the end. • AFP

Arjun leads Tepe Sigeman tournament

Gukesh on top in Chessables Sunway International

CHESS

SPORTS BUREAU

Continuing his irrepressible form, Arjun Erigaisi (two points) outplayed higher-rated Saleh Salem (UAE) to open a one-point lead after two rounds of the Tepe Sigeman round-robin tournament in Malmo, Sweden, on Wednesday.

On a day when the other three boards ended as draws, Arjun won the battle involving two first-round winners in 58 moves to lead the eight-man field.

Once Salem, playing black, faltered with a queenside pawn-push on the 19th move, Arjun forced his rival on the defensive and enjoyed massive space advantage. By the 28th move, all of Salem's pieces – queen, rooks, knights and a bishop – joined the king on the backrank.

After Arjun gained a pawn, Salem traded his rook for a bishop but he could not loosen the teenager's grip. Before long, the Indian tightened the noose and Salem resigned on the 58th move.

The results: Arjun Erigaisi (2) bt Saleh Salem (UAE, 1); Alexei Shirov (Esp, 0.5) drew with Jorden van Foreest (Ned, 1); Michael Adams (Eng, 1) drew with Nils Grandelius (Swe, 1); David Navara (Cze, 0.5) drew with Hans Moke Niemann (USA, 1).

D. Gukesh (5 points) escaped with a draw against Spain's Ruiz Santos in 29 moves to stay in the lead where Jaime Latasa Santos and Jimenez Jose Fernando Cuenca joined him after beating K. Sasikiran and Soham Das in the sixth round of the Chessables Sunway International chess tournament at Punta Prima, Spain, on Thursday.

Leader after five rounds, Gukesh ran into trouble against Ruiz but found a way to escape following a threefold repetition of moves.

Playing black, Ruiz capitalized on Sasikiran's dubious move on the 25th turn and kept up the pressure. Up a pawn, Ruiz promptly offered the exchange of queens on the 32nd move. At this stage, Sasikiran resigned.

In yet another battle involving an Indian and a Spaniard, Soham kept pace with Cuenca before losing his way on the 29th move. Cuenca read the position well and launched a fierce kingside attack. Soham resigned on the 40th move.

Sharath Kamal does his 'bit' for Vishwa's family

The 39-year-old paddler, who dedicated the National title to him, donates prize money of ₹2.75 lakh

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Table tennis star Sharath Kamal has donated the prize money he received for winning his 10th National title to the bereaved family of D. Vishwa, the 18-year-old paddler who died in a road accident on his way to Shillong from Guwahati last month.

By donating his prize money of ₹2.75 lakh, the 39-year-old has tried to do his "bit" for Vishwa's parents, and plans to raise more money with the help of current and former players.

"I don't know if it (the prize money) will be enough or not, but this is my bit for the kid. He was their only son. This is my way to show respect to the family. I will try to support the family as much as I can. His father has also lost his job during the lockdown.

"I have also spoken to the coaches and fellow players on how to help his family.

"Some of them have come forward and I said 'let's try and help them.' I hope many more will come forward," said Sharath, who had also dedicated his National crown to Vishwa.

Ramkumar advances in singles, doubles

INDIANS ABROAD

SPORTS BUREAU

Ramkumar Ramanathan beat Salvatore Caruso 6-4, 3-6, 7-5 to enter the €90,280 Challenger tennis quarterfinals in Aix-en-Provence, France, on Thursday.

Other results: €90,280 Challenger, Aix-en-Provence, France: Doubles (quarterfinals): Yuki Bhambri & Ramkumar bt Austin Krajicek (US) & Hugo Nys (Mon) 6-3, 7-6(5).

$60,000 ITF women, Koper, Slovenia: Doubles (pre-quarterfinals): Cristina Dinu (Rou) & Andrea Lazaro Garcia (Esp) bt Adrienn Nagy (Hun) & Prarthana Thombare 6-1, 1-6, [11-9].

$25,000 ITF women, Nottingham: Doubles (quarterfinals): Fanny Stollar (Hun) & Wang Yafan (Chn) bt Rutuja Bhosale & Ankita Raina 6-7(5), 4-1 (retired).

$25,000 ITF women, Daytona Beach, US: Singles (first round): Alexa Graham (USS) bt Riya Bhatia 6-4, 6-2. **Doubles (quarterfinals):** Rachel Gailis & Qavia Lopez (US) w/o Elizabeth Halbauer (US) & Riya Bhatia.

$25,000 ITF women, Tossa de Mar, Spain: Singles (first round): Ioana Loredana Rosca (Rou) bt Zeel Desai 6-2, 5-7, 6-0.

No special treatment for star grapplers

PRESS TRUST OF INDIA
NEW DELHI

Stars like Bajrang Punia and Ravi Dahiya will not get direct entries into the finals of their categories when the Wrestling Federation of India holds selection trials for the Commonwealth Games and Asian Games unlike at the recent Asian championship trials.

The WFI is now set to conduct the trials for men (May 17, New Delhi) and women (May 16, Lucknow) to pick teams for the CWG and Asian Games.

BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Easy for Blitz

Blitz FC defeated Income Tax FC 2-0 in the BDFA A-division league championship, here on Thursday.

The result: Blitz FC 2 (B.U. Mithun 21, N. Aksha 80) bt Income Tax FC 0.

Brace by Suman

Suman scored a brace as Universal FC defeated Veterans FC 4-1 in the BDFA C-division league championship, here on Thursday.

The results: Universal FC 4 (Vishwas 19, Suman 29, 59, Prajwal 60) bt Veterans FC 1 (Lawrence 60+1); Bangalore City FC 4 (M. Abhijith 34, P. Shuhaib 45, Jonathan Aditya Piers 62, 63) bt Active Union FC 2 (Meitram 15, Konthoujm Donel Singh 55).

Athletics meet shifted to Udupi

The State senior and junior athletics meet, scheduled to be held in Bengaluru on May 7 and 8 has been shifted to Udupi. The event will now be conducted May 8 and 9 at the Mahatma Gandhi Stadium in Ajjarakad in Udupi.

There will be no change, however, in the competition acting as a trial to select the Karnataka teams for the National Inter-State Senior Athletics championship to be held in Chennai from June 10 to 14.

Priya Mohan to train in France

ATHLETICS

STAN RAYAN
KOCHI

Priya H. Mohan, Asia's second fastest quartermiler this year, and her coach Arjun Ajay will leave for France on Friday for a 25-day training and competition trip arranged by JSW Sports. They will have their training base at Lievin, some 200km from Paris

The 19-year-old Priya, who was fourth in the 400m at last year's under-20 Worlds in Nairobi where she also won the 4x400m mixed relay bronze, will run in the Montgeron international meet in France on May 15 and in Italy (May 22) and Spain (May 28).

Priya. • K. MURALI KUMAR

Max Verstappen focused on closing the gap on Charles Leclerc

Reigning champion well prepared on the simulator for the new race, the first of the two in the United States

MIAMI GP

AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE
MIAMI

World champion Max Verstappen will seek to ignore all the hype and razzmatazz this weekend when he bids to trim Charles Leclerc's lead with a third win of the season at the inaugural Miami Grand Prix.

Fresh from victory at the Emilia Romagna GP, where he led Sergio Perez home in a resounding Red Bull one-two, the 24-year-old Dutchman arrives in Florida trailing championship leader Leclerc of Ferrari by 27 points.

After four races, both drivers know there is a long way to go in the title race and will be aware that their long-awaited Formula One duel has captured the imagination ahead of Sunday's keenly-anticipated contest.

Street track

Round five of the new era battle between a younger generation of racers takes place at the Miami International Autodrome, a fast street track built around car parks at the Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens.

The race will be the first of two in America this year, adding to the successful United States Grand Prix held in Austin, Texas, and pre-event hype has drawn suggestions that it will be F1's answer to the Super Bowl, complete with A-list celebrities and vast crowded hospitality areas.

Change of sport: Verstappen, with Perez for company, tries his hand at pitching a baseball ahead of the Miami GP. • AFP

"I think this weekend is going to be pretty crazy," said Verstappen. "I'm looking forward to the racing – I've driven the track on the simulator and we've practised and prepared as much as we can without visiting in real life.

"It looks positive," said Alfa Romeo's Valtteri Bottas, when asked about the track layout and prospects for good racing. "Let's see how it goes in real life. To me, on paper, it looked good. As an event, I'm sure it will be amazing."

Horner backs Hamilton

While Leclerc and Verstappen are the main attractions, there will also be much interest in the ongoing struggles of seven-time champion Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes after a poor start to the season.

Without a win in four races, he is already 58 points behind Leclerc and has written off his own hopes of a title challenge, but he has been contradicted unexpectedly by Red Bull team boss Christian Horner.

Horner told the respected FINation podcast: "Lewis had a horrible weekend, but he hasn't forgotten how to drive. Only five races ago, they were fighting for a World championship.

"They'll get that car sorted out and he can still be a factor in this championship. We don't underestimate any of our opponents."

Hamilton finished 13th at Imola where team-mate George Russell endured acute spinal pain on his way to fourth and both have been in the Mercedes simulator since to help fix and develop their troublesome car.

"Since then, we have learned as much as we can," said Wolff. "In the wind tunnel and in simulations and found several directions for improving the car.

In front of a sold-out weekend crowd of around 420,000, Mercedes will be desperate to end its early-season agonies and rediscover competitive pace and performance.

But Ferrari and Red Bull, like McLaren, Renault and home favourites Haas, are unlikely to make it easy.